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Most of the original and all of the seasonally adjusted series are subject to revision.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED INDICATORS

In the Contents page numbers of series containing seasonally adjusted indicators are marked with asterisks.

Measures of variability and details of the methods used in seasonally adjusting Bureau statistics are given in Appendixes D and C, respectively, of *Seasonally Adjusted Indicators* (1308.0). This annual publication also contains historical original and seasonally adjusted data in tabular and graphical form of a selection of the statistics appearing in the Bureau's monthly and quarterly publications.

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POPULATION AND VITAL

POPULATION (a) (^{000 persons)}

As at 30 June	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia
1973	4,793.4	3,628.4	1,987.3	1,217.9	1,089.8	395.7	99.7	168.1	13,380.4
1974	4,839.4	3,676.8	2,046.1	1,236.2	1,117.4	399.3	104.4	179.6	13,599.1
1975	4,884.5	3,719.1	2,084.0	1,252.1	1,146.7	404.7	(b) 99.4	190.9	13,771.4
1976 (c)	4,911.3	3,746.0	2,111.7	1,261.6	1,169.8	407.4	101.4	203.3	13,915.5
1977	4,956.7	3,782.3	2,136.8	1,276.8	1,197.1	410.6	105.5	208.2	14,074.1
1978	5,011.8	3,818.4	2,166.7	1,287.6	1,222.3	413.7	112.5	215.6	14,248.6

(a) Revised. See NOTE at the bottom of this page. (b) Decrease due to the effect of Cyclone "Tracy" on Darwin population. (c) Census result adjusted for underenumeration.

MEAN POPULATION (a) (^{000 persons)}

Calendar Year	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia
1972	4,747.4	3,577.3	1,933.4	1,202.2	1,070.7	392.4	96.4	157.4	13,177.2
1973	4,793.3	3,627.4	1,988.9	1,218.3	1,090.6	395.8	99.8	168.2	13,382.3
1974	4,841.3	3,676.5	2,044.0	1,235.6	1,117.7	399.6	104.6	178.9	13,598.2
1975	4,885.3	3,718.6	2,084.7	1,252.8	1,146.9	404.5	90.3	191.0	13,774.1
1976	4,913.9	3,747.5	2,110.7	1,261.9	1,170.3	407.5	101.7	203.2	13,916.8
1977	4,956.6	3,782.0	2,137.0	1,276.7	1,197.0	410.6	106.4	208.8	14,075.1

Financial year

1972-73	4,771.4	3,603.4	1,961.2	1,210.0	1,080.4	394.0	98.1	162.9	13,281.2
1973-74	4,816.4	3,651.4	2,017.3	1,226.7	1,103.4	397.3	102.1	173.6	13,488.2
1974-75	4,865.9	3,700.3	2,066.3	1,245.1	1,133.1	402.1	98.5	184.4	13,695.7
1975-76	4,898.2	3,732.6	2,098.6	1,256.5	1,158.2	406.2	97.8	198.3	13,846.2
1976-77	4,933.5	3,764.4	2,122.8	1,268.8	1,183.3	409.1	103.8	206.1	13,991.8
1977-78	4,981.4	3,799.8	2,152.8	1,283.3	1,210.5	412.1	109.5	212.0	14,161.4

(a) See NOTE below. For the method of calculation see *Population and Vital Statistics* (3212.0) June quarter 1977.

VITAL AND POPULATION STATISTICS, AUSTRALIA

Period	Marriage registrations	Birth registrations	Death registrations	Components of population growth			Population at end of period (⁰⁰⁰)
				Natural increase (a)	Net migration (b)	Total increase (c) (⁰⁰⁰)	
Year ended 30 June							(d) 13,915.5
1976	103,919	231,135	110,610	120,525	21,231	144.1	
1977	111,690	226,954	111,490	115,464	43,138	158.6	
1978	102,241	226,364	108,057	118,307	56,137	174.4	14,248.6
1977-78							
Sept. qtr	20,372	58,075	31,118	26,957	12,459	39.4	14,113.5
Dec. qtr	27,771	53,566	25,813	27,753	22,228	50.0	14,163.5
Mar. qtr	27,935	54,960	23,944	31,016	13,788	44.8	14,208.3
June qtr	26,163	59,763	27,182	32,581	7,662	40.2	14,248.6
1978-79							
Sept. qtr	21,015	56,548	30,894	25,654	12,794	38.1	14,287.0
Dec. qtr p	27,824	53,012	26,401	26,611	18,038	44.6	14,331.7

(a) Excess of births registered over deaths registered. (b) Excess of recorded overseas arrivals over recorded overseas departures, excluding short term (less than one year) movement. Minus sign (-) denotes an excess of departures over arrivals. (c) Increase consists of natural increase, net migration and adjustment in the light of Census results. (d) Census result adjusted for underenumeration.

NOTE: Population estimates shown above for dates prior to 30 June 1976 incorporate revisions following the completion of an examination of evidence for underenumeration in the 1971 and 1976 Censuses. An explanation of the basis for these revised estimates is given in *Population and Vital Statistics* (3212.0) for the June quarter 1977.

OVERSEAS ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

ARRIVALS										
Period	Short-term movement							Excess of arrivals over departures		
	Permanent movement		Long-term movement		Overseas visitors arriving		Total arrivals		Permanent and long-term	Total
	Settlers arriving	Australian residents returning	Overseas visitors arriving	Australian residents returning	Number recorded	Seasonally adjusted	Number recorded	Seasonally adjusted		
1975-76	52,748	60,224	21,687	931,725	529,656	..	1,596,040	..	21,229	20,259
1976-77	70,916	59,193	26,133	963,729	540,394	..	1,660,366	..	43,138	56,347
1977-78	73,171	57,312	28,044	989,025	580,883	..	1,728,435	..	56,136	56,864
1977-78										
Oct.	6,900	4,934	1,905	90,928	45,875	45,173	150,542	135,303	6,952	37,360
Nov.	5,951	5,278	1,830	74,420	65,095	55,729	152,574	157,234	6,580	36,706
Dec.	8,969	9,300	1,791	53,014	74,026	48,183	147,101	142,509	8,696	38,072
Jan.	6,283	5,407	3,760	143,192	49,898	46,946	208,540	137,068	4,920	50,639
Feb.	5,665	4,071	3,337	69,770	51,883	49,044	134,727	138,691	4,837	11,362
Mar.	6,084	4,020	2,821	60,701	54,978	51,078	128,604	141,120	4,030	9,838
Apr.	5,395	3,430	2,198	62,858	41,877	46,339	115,758	150,656	2,270	29,055
May	5,973	3,609	2,030	83,008	41,369	48,568	135,989	148,968	2,287	29,191
June	5,386	3,500	1,973	70,489	34,813	50,726	116,161	150,495	3,104	19,995
1978-79										
July	5,843	4,478	2,290	84,768	44,335	52,577	141,714	163,101	4,042	4,910
Aug.	5,422	4,776	2,308	90,531	49,747	51,320	152,783	150,770	3,791	14,339
Sept.	5,565	4,573	2,110	125,888	45,910	56,287	184,046	160,048	4,960	54,819
Oct.	5,513	4,964	1,969	99,410	52,936	52,118	164,792	150,356	6,363	37,565
Nov. p	5,017	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	163,960	168,264	n.y.a.	36,768
DEPARTURES										
Period	Short-term movement									
	Permanent movement		Long-term movement		Australian residents departing		Total departures			
	Former settlers departing	Other residents departing	Australian residents departing	Overseas visitors departing	Number recorded	Seasonally adjusted	Overseas visitors departing	Number recorded	Seasonally adjusted	
1975-76	17,150	10,277	64,475	21,528	951,290	..	511,062	1,575,781	..	
1976-77	15,447	9,141	68,792	19,724	965,659	..	525,256	1,604,019	..	
1977-78	13,972	9,124	60,099	19,194	1,004,931	..	564,250	1,671,571	..	
1977-78										
Oct.	1,071	623	3,865	1,228	65,540	86,578	40,857	113,183	135,902	
Nov.	918	555	3,507	1,500	59,195	81,475	50,194	115,868	136,069	
Dec.	1,381	781	5,630	3,572	128,008	75,965	45,800	185,173	132,641	
Jan.	941	835	7,001	1,753	74,417	78,390	72,954	157,900	134,813	
Feb.	886	654	5,212	1,484	57,084	88,299	58,044	123,364	146,543	
Mar.	1,154	672	5,657	1,412	75,589	74,548	53,959	138,442	134,148	
Apr.	1,368	1,079	5,141	1,165	88,281	84,118	47,780	144,813	140,568	
May	1,466	1,100	5,213	1,544	111,096	94,326	44,760	165,180	145,468	
June	1,206	789	4,459	1,300	95,022	91,317	33,380	136,156	148,622	
1978-79										
July	1,183	1,016	4,965	1,406	91,468	96,908	36,766	136,803	156,678	
Aug.	1,141	1,048	4,908	1,617	111,409	88,373	47,000	167,122	149,401	
Sept.	1,176	839	3,939	1,334	73,746	93,921	48,193	129,227	157,725	
Oct.	1,071	804	3,022	1,186	72,847	96,618	48,297	127,227	155,346	
Nov. p	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	127,192	148,510	

NOTE: Minus sign (–) denotes excess of departures over arrivals.

EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT

CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER (a), BY EMPLOYMENT STATUS: AUSTRALIA

Month	Employed (a)	Unemployed (a)		Total	Labour force (a)	Not in labour force (a)	Civilian population aged 15 years and over (a)	Unemployment rate (b)	Participation rate (c)
		Looking for full-time work	Looking for part-time work						
— '000 —									
— per cent —									
MALES									
1978 —									
Feb.	3,857.4	235.4	19.5	255.0	4,112.4	1,023.2	5,135.6	6.2	80.1
Mar.	3,870.1	200.2	17.3	217.6	4,087.6	1,056.6	5,144.2	5.3	79.5
Apr.	3,867.7	196.2	14.6	210.9	4,078.5	1,073.9	5,152.4	5.2	79.2
May	3,863.5	194.8	14.4	209.1	4,072.6	1,087.2	5,159.8	5.1	78.9
June	3,860.0	205.4	11.3	216.7	4,076.7	1,091.0	5,167.7	5.3	78.9
July	3,848.2	202.4	8.7	211.1	4,059.3	1,114.8	5,174.1	5.2	78.5
Aug.	3,832.3	207.3	14.2	221.5	4,053.8	1,126.6	5,180.4	5.5	78.3
Sept.	3,840.9	204.7	13.4	218.1	4,059.0	1,126.9	5,186.0	5.4	78.3
Oct.	3,854.7	194.0	13.9	207.9	4,062.7	1,128.5	5,191.1	5.1	78.3
Nov.	3,846.1	191.0	15.4	206.4	4,052.4	1,147.5	5,199.9	5.1	77.9
Dec.	3,923.7	219.9	21.6	241.6	4,165.3	1,048.9	5,214.1	5.8	79.9
1979 —									
Jan.	3,869.2	235.2	14.8	250.0	4,119.3	1,098.9	5,218.2	6.1	78.9
Feb.	3,893.6	229.5	12.3	241.8	4,135.4	1,091.9	5,227.3	5.8	79.1
Mar.	3,904.2	206.6	16.5	223.1	4,127.4	1,111.3	5,238.6	5.4	78.8
MARRIED WOMEN									
1978 —									
Feb.	1,320.9	53.2	39.6	92.8	1,413.6	1,994.4	3,408.1	6.6	41.5
Mar.	1,352.8	50.7	37.6	88.3	1,441.1	1,958.2	3,399.3	6.1	42.4
Apr.	1,354.0	47.5	35.4	82.9	1,437.0	1,956.2	3,393.2	5.8	42.4
May	1,356.5	49.8	34.1	83.9	1,440.4	1,958.7	3,399.1	5.8	42.4
June	1,345.4	46.0	34.5	80.5	1,425.9	1,977.6	3,403.5	5.6	41.9
July	1,368.7	44.1	28.2	72.4	1,441.1	1,967.8	3,408.9	5.0	42.3
Aug.	1,357.7	47.0	30.3	77.2	1,434.9	1,977.5	3,412.4	5.4	42.1
Sept.	1,358.9	40.5	29.9	70.4	1,429.3	1,979.2	3,408.5	4.9	41.9
Oct.	1,368.7	38.7	28.2	66.9	1,435.6	1,971.3	3,406.9	4.7	42.1
Nov.	1,373.4	34.9	28.5	63.4	1,436.8	1,983.6	3,420.5	4.4	42.0
Dec.	1,373.6	31.5	24.0	55.5	1,429.2	2,006.7	3,435.9	3.9	41.6
1979 —									
Jan.	1,281.6	38.4	25.4	63.8	1,345.4	2,101.9	3,447.4	4.7	39.0
Feb.	1,346.1	45.5	40.3	85.7	1,431.8	2,024.9	3,456.7	6.0	41.4
Mar.	1,364.7	48.2	36.6	84.8	1,449.5	2,002.7	3,452.1	5.8	42.0
ALL FEMALES									
1978 —									
Feb.	2,074.8	160.3	61.8	222.1	2,296.9	2,961.8	5,258.7	9.7	43.7
Mar.	2,117.8	145.4	57.3	202.7	2,320.5	2,947.5	5,268.0	8.7	44.0
Apr.	2,136.1	137.3	53.0	190.3	2,326.4	2,951.7	5,278.0	8.2	44.1
May	2,135.3	136.8	49.3	186.2	2,321.4	2,964.5	5,285.9	8.0	43.9
June	2,131.9	125.2	50.5	175.6	2,307.5	2,987.6	5,295.1	7.6	43.6
July	2,149.8	123.0	43.9	166.9	2,316.8	2,984.8	5,301.6	7.2	43.7
Aug.	2,137.2	125.3	48.9	174.2	2,311.5	2,997.3	5,308.7	7.5	43.5
Sept.	2,144.1	120.1	46.3	166.4	2,310.5	3,003.4	5,313.9	7.2	43.5
Oct.	2,151.9	111.9	47.7	159.6	2,311.5	3,007.6	5,319.0	6.9	43.5
Nov.	2,151.2	117.9	45.5	163.3	2,314.6	3,014.5	5,329.1	7.1	43.4
Dec.	2,173.8	153.9	45.8	199.7	2,373.5	2,970.9	5,344.3	8.4	44.4
1979 —									
Jan.	2,070.7	155.9	40.2	196.1	2,266.8	3,081.1	5,347.9	8.7	42.4
Feb.	2,125.4	152.2	59.9	212.1	2,337.5	3,019.6	5,357.1	9.1	43.6
Mar.	2,157.4	146.9	54.9	201.8	2,359.2	3,006.5	5,365.7	8.6	44.0
PERSONS									
1978 —									
Feb.	5,932.3	395.8	81.3	477.0	6,409.3	3,985.0	10,394.3	7.4	61.7
Mar.	5,987.9	345.7	74.6	420.3	6,408.1	4,004.1	10,412.2	6.6	61.5
Apr.	6,003.8	333.5	67.6	401.1	6,404.9	4,025.6	10,430.5	6.3	61.4
May	5,998.7	331.6	63.7	395.3	6,394.0	4,051.7	10,445.7	6.2	61.2
June	5,991.9	330.5	61.8	392.3	6,384.2	4,078.6	10,462.8	6.1	61.0
July	5,998.1	325.4	52.6	378.0	6,376.1	4,099.6	10,475.7	5.9	60.9
Aug.	5,969.6	322.6	63.1	395.7	6,365.3	4,123.8	10,489.1	6.2	60.7
Sept.	5,985.1	324.8	59.7	384.5	6,369.6	4,130.3	10,499.9	6.0	60.7
Oct.	6,001.6	305.9	61.6	367.5	6,374.1	4,136.1	10,510.2	5.8	60.6
Nov.	5,997.3	308.8	60.9	369.7	6,367.0	4,162.0	10,529.1	5.8	60.5
Dec.	6,097.5	373.8	67.4	441.2	6,538.7	4,019.8	10,558.5	6.7	61.9
1979 —									
Jan.	5,939.9	391.1	55.0	446.2	6,386.1	4,180.0	10,566.1	7.0	60.4
Feb.	6,018.9	381.7	72.3	453.9	6,472.9	4,111.5	10,584.4	7.0	61.2
Mar.	6,061.6	353.5	71.4	425.0	6,486.6	4,117.7	10,604.3	6.6	61.2

(a) The estimates relate to all persons aged 15 years and over, except members of the permanent defence forces, certain diplomatic personnel of overseas governments, non-Australians holidaying in Australia, and members of non-Australian defence forces in Australia. For definitions see explanatory notes in *The Labour Force* (6203.0). (b) The number of unemployed in each group as a percentage of the labour force in the

CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES : AUSTRALIA (a) ('000)
(Excluding defence forces and employees in agriculture and private domestic service)

Month	Total civilian employees						Private Government			
	Males		Females		Persons		Private		Government	
	Original	Seasonally adjusted (b)	Original	Seasonally adjusted (b)	Original	Seasonally adjusted (b)	Original	Seasonally adjusted (b)	Original	Seasonally adjusted (b)
1975 - Feb.	3,028.6	3,025.0	1,686.6	1,689.4	4,715.2	4,714.4	3,323.9	3,325.6	1,391.2	1,388.8
1976 - Feb.	3,004.2	3,001.1	1,725.4	1,729.0	4,729.6	4,730.1	3,305.8	3,308.0	1,423.8	1,422.1
1977 - Feb.	2,991.2	2,988.3	1,741.1	1,745.1	4,732.3	4,733.4	3,284.6	3,286.7	1,447.7	1,446.7
1977-78										
Jan.	2,954.6	2,963.1	1,748.0	1,771.0	4,702.6	4,734.1	3,226.1	3,242.3	1,476.5	1,491.8
Feb.	2,962.6	2,959.7	1,761.9	1,766.3	4,724.6	4,726.0	3,233.7	3,235.8	1,490.8	1,490.2
Mar.	2,959.6	2,952.1	1,764.3	1,761.9	4,724.0	4,714.0	3,229.5	3,224.2	1,494.4	1,489.8
Apr.	2,956.0	2,948.2	1,767.1	1,763.9	4,723.1	4,712.1	3,225.2	3,220.9	1,497.9	1,491.2
May	2,951.9	2,942.5	1,768.0	1,766.1	4,719.9	4,708.6	3,221.4	3,217.8	1,498.5	1,490.8
June	(c)2,943.8	(c)2,937.3	1,769.6	1,769.4	(c)4,713.4	(c)4,706.7	(c)3,214.9	(c)3,215.6	1,498.5	1,491.1
1978-79										
July	(c)2,939.6	(c)2,938.6	(c)1,772.2	(c)1,770.7	(c)4,711.8	(c)4,709.3	(c)3,211.4	(c)3,215.7	1,500.4	1,493.6
Aug.	2,935.7	2,939.5	1,772.0	1,771.8	4,707.7	4,711.3	3,208.1	3,215.2	1,499.6	1,496.1
Sept.	(c)2,934.9	(c)2,942.3	1,774.5	1,772.8	(c)4,709.4	(c)4,715.1	(c)3,210.9	(c)3,216.2	(c)1,498.5	(c)1,498.9
Oct.	(c)2,936.6	(c)2,944.5	1,783.3	1,778.0	(c)4,719.9	(c)4,722.5	(c)3,220.9	(c)3,220.5	1,499.0	1,502.0
Nov.	(c)2,946.9	(c)2,950.2	1,795.7	1,785.4	(c)4,742.7	(c)4,735.6	(c)3,242.0	(c)3,230.5	(c)1,500.7	(c)1,505.1
Dec.	2,950.3	2,954.7	1,792.0	1,794.9	4,742.4	4,749.6	3,247.6	3,240.2	1,499.8	1,509.3
Jan.	2,947.1	2,955.6	1,774.3	1,797.3	4,721.4	4,752.9	3,228.4	3,244.7	1,492.9	1,508.2
Feb.	2,959.3	2,956.4	1,793.8	1,798.4	4,753.1	4,754.8	3,248.4	3,250.6	1,504.7	1,504.2

(a) The estimates are based on benchmarks derived from the results of the 1971 population census and other relevant sources. For the period subsequent to the census the employment data are obtained from three main sources, namely (i) current payroll tax returns, (ii) current returns from Government bodies, and (iii) some other current returns of employment (e.g. for hospitals); the balance, i.e. unrecorded private employment, is estimated. Month-to-month changes shown by current returns are linked with the benchmark data to derive the monthly estimates. At June 1971 recorded employment obtained from the foregoing sources accounted for about 90 per cent of the total number of employees in the industries covered, as determined by the census. The estimates shown are based on the Australian Standard Industrial Classification. For further details on these series see *Civilian Employees* (6213.0) published monthly. (b) Seasonally adjusted estimates have been revised. Figures for earlier periods are available on request. For details of the methods used see *Seasonally Adjusted Indicators*, 1979 (1308.0), to be released shortly. (c) Affected by industrial disputes.

The estimates shown above are being revised as it has become apparent that the benchmarks used for the series, which have been obtained mainly from population censuses, are substantially understated. In the meantime the series provides a reasonable indication of current month-to-month movements. For more detail see *Civilian Employees* (6213.0).

CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES : STATES (a) ('000)
(Excluding defence forces and employees in agriculture and private domestic service)

Month	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T. (b)	Australia
MALES									
1975 - Feb.	1,100.8	834.4	405.3	276.0	246.8	90.6	23.6	51.0	3,028.6
1976 - Feb.	1,081.0	828.6	404.5	276.3	248.0	88.9	24.7	52.1	3,004.2
1977 - Feb.	1,064.7	827.8	404.8	278.2	252.9	89.1	23.6	50.1	2,991.2
1977-78									
Jan.	1,055.2	814.7	396.7	271.2	254.8	88.3	23.2	50.4	2,954.6
Feb.	1,060.1	815.3	398.2	271.2	255.9	88.3	23.1	50.7	2,962.6
Mar.	1,059.7	813.5	398.8	269.8	256.1	88.1	23.0	50.5	2,959.6
Apr.	1,058.6	810.5	399.9	269.2	255.9	87.7	23.2	50.8	2,956.0
May	1,058.8	808.7	400.4	265.5	254.8	87.8	23.3	50.7	2,951.9
June	1,057.2	805.7	(c)399.8	266.0	253.5	87.7	23.5	50.4	(c)2,943.8
1978-79									
July	1,055.6	803.6	400.7	265.3	252.9	87.5	23.5	50.4	(c)2,939.6
Aug.	1,052.8	801.9	402.2	264.4	253.3	87.2	23.8	50.1	2,935.7
Sept.	(c)1,053.5	(c)800.3	402.8	253.9	253.5	87.3	23.6	49.9	(c)2,934.9
Oct.	1,055.2	802.7	(c)401.2	263.6	253.1	87.3	23.7	49.8	(c)2,936.6
Nov.	1,062.2	804.3	(c)401.7	265.5	(c)252.5	87.3	23.9	49.7	(c)2,946.9
Dec.	1,062.6	807.6	401.3	265.1	253.0	87.9	23.5	49.2	2,950.3
Jan.	1,063.1	807.1	399.2	264.4	252.3	88.3	23.5	49.1	2,947.1
Feb.	1,067.5	810.9	401.2	264.9	253.0	88.7	23.6	49.5	2,959.3

FEMALES

1975 - Feb.	621.2	485.3	205.7	155.1	131.4	44.4	10.7	32.8	1,686.6
1976 - Feb.	623.1	496.4	213.6	163.4	135.0	46.2	12.3	35.5	1,725.4
1977 - Feb.	622.4	497.0	216.1	167.9	141.7	48.2	12.7	35.1	1,741.1
1977-78									
Jan.	619.5	500.3	218.3	167.0	144.8	49.3	13.0	35.9	1,748.0
Feb.	626.6	501.5	219.1	169.8	146.5	49.4	13.0	36.1	1,761.9
Mar.	627.5	501.3	218.8	169.9	148.0	49.5	13.1	36.1	1,764.3
Apr.	627.3	501.3	220.7	169.7	148.7	49.6	13.2	36.6	1,767.1
May	629.1	500.4	221.4	168.7	148.6	49.5	13.4	36.8	1,768.0
June	629.9	500.8	222.0	168.5	149.1	49.5	13.5	36.8	1,769.6
1978-79									
July	(c)630.4	500.5	222.7	169.7	149.2	49.3	13.5	36.9	(c)1,772.2
Aug.	630.4	499.4	223.3	169.8	149.9	49.3	13.5	36.5	1,772.0
Sept.	632.7	501.3	223.4	168.5	149.2	49.2	13.6	36.7	1,774.5
Oct.	636.8	502.8	224.0	169.0	150.6	49.4	13.7	37.1	1,783.3
Nov.	644.1	505.1	223.8	170.9	151.9	49.2	13.7	37.1	1,795.7
Dec.	643.8	507.5	224.2	166.6	149.9	50.0	13.4	36.6	1,792.0
Jan.	636.1	502.6	222.8	163.8	149.2	49.9	13.3	36.5	1,774.3

CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES, AUSTRALIA : INDUSTRY (a) ('000)
(f including defence forces and employees in agriculture and private domestic service)

Month	Manu- facturing	Con- struction	Wholesale and retail trade	Treasure and storage	Finance, insurance, real estate and business services	Public admin- istration and defence (b)	Com- munity services	Entertain- ment, recreation, restaurants, hotels and personal services (c)	(Other Indus- tries (d))	Total
MALES										
1975 Feb.	907.8	382.5	545.0	220.8	199.3	148.3	263.6	107.8	253.5	3,028.6
1976 Feb.	893.4	354.7	552.5	215.8	196.9	153.5	276.0	111.2	250.2	3,004.2
1977 Feb.	878.7	343.1	557.9	213.8	197.5	152.1	287.8	111.1	249.2	2,991.2
1977-78										
Jan.	848.8	333.0	550.9	212.2	196.0	153.7	295.5	112.4	252.1	2,954.6
Feb.	852.4	336.9	549.6	211.2	196.6	153.8	298.3	111.5	252.3	2,962.6
Mar.	850.3	336.3	549.3	210.7	196.6	153.9	299.3	111.4	251.8	2,959.6
Apr.	847.6	336.0	548.1	210.4	196.4	154.0	300.7	111.5	251.4	2,956.0
May	844.7	335.9	547.5	210.1	196.6	154.1	301.2	111.0	250.9	2,951.9
June	841.3	334.4	546.5	209.6	196.2	154.4	301.9	110.7	(e)248.6	(e)2,943.8
1978-79										
July	839.7	332.0	544.0	209.6	196.0	154.4	302.0	110.9	250.9	(e)2,939.6
Aug.	837.0	329.9	543.9	209.6	195.6	154.8	302.4	111.7	250.8	2,935.7
Sept.	836.6	329.4	544.5	209.2	195.4	154.9	302.6	111.4	250.9	(e)2,934.9
Oct.	(e)840.6	327.7	545.2	209.0	195.1	154.6	302.8	110.7	250.8	(e)2,936.6
Nov.	(e)843.8	327.5	548.3	210.9	196.1	154.8	303.7	112.0	(e)249.7	(e)2,946.9
Dec.	842.1	325.0	551.1	213.5	196.2	154.4	302.5	113.4	252.2	2,950.3
Jan.	842.2	325.3	547.1	211.7	197.6	154.7	302.9	112.7	253.0	2,947.1
Feb.	848.9	326.2	547.8	210.6	198.5	154.7	305.4	113.3	253.9	2,959.3
FEMALES										
1975 Feb.	315.6	18.1	402.5	36.7	180.9	80.8	445.9	160.4	45.7	1,686.6
1976 Feb.	315.9	18.2	406.6	36.2	181.8	90.3	468.5	162.1	45.7	1,725.4
1977 Feb.	298.4	18.2	411.2	36.6	187.1	91.7	492.3	160.6	45.0	1,741.1
1977-78										
Jan.	283.9	18.0	413.4	37.0	187.8	95.2	504.1	162.4	46.2	1,748.0
Feb.	286.2	18.0	415.2	37.1	188.5	95.9	513.5	161.6	45.9	1,761.9
Mar.	285.3	18.0	414.2	37.0	188.9	96.2	517.3	161.1	46.4	1,764.3
Apr.	283.2	18.1	415.9	36.9	188.9	96.5	519.5	161.8	46.2	1,767.1
May	283.0	18.0	416.7	37.2	189.0	96.3	520.1	161.4	46.5	1,768.0
June	282.2	18.1	417.9	37.1	189.0	96.8	521.7	160.8	46.1	1,769.6
1978-79										
July	282.0	18.2	417.6	37.1	188.9	97.9	523.5	160.6	46.4	(e)1,772.2
Aug.	282.5	18.1	416.0	37.1	188.8	97.3	524.2	161.4	46.6	1,772.0
Sept.	283.7	18.0	417.4	37.3	188.6	97.9	523.2	161.5	46.8	1,774.5
Oct.	286.2	18.0	422.2	37.5	189.1	97.6	523.5	162.0	47.1	1,783.3
Nov.	288.1	18.2	427.5	37.7	190.1	97.6	526.0	163.1	47.4	1,795.7
Dec.	285.2	18.1	433.2	38.0	190.2	97.0	519.9	164.2	48.4	1,794.3
Jan.	283.3	18.1	423.2	38.2	191.0	97.0	513.5	162.1	47.9	1,774.3
Feb.	287.9	18.2	425.0	37.9	192.5	98.0	523.6	162.9	47.8	1,793.8
PERSONS										
1975 Feb.	1,223.4	400.5	947.5	257.5	380.2	229.1	709.5	268.2	299.3	4,715.2
1976 Feb.	1,209.3	372.9	959.0	252.1	378.7	243.8	744.4	273.4	296.0	4,729.6
1977 Feb.	1,177.1	361.3	969.1	250.4	384.5	243.8	779.3	271.7	295.1	4,732.3
1977-78										
Jan.	1,132.7	350.9	964.3	249.2	383.9	248.9	799.6	274.7	298.4	4,702.6
Feb.	1,138.6	354.9	964.7	248.3	385.1	249.7	811.7	273.1	298.5	4,724.6
Mar.	1,135.6	354.3	963.5	247.6	385.6	250.1	816.5	272.5	298.2	4,724.0
Apr.	1,130.9	354.1	964.0	247.3	385.3	250.5	820.2	273.3	297.5	4,723.1
May	1,127.7	353.9	964.2	247.3	385.6	250.4	821.3	272.4	297.3	4,719.9
June	1,123.6	352.5	964.3	246.8	385.2	251.2	823.5	271.5	(e)294.8	(e)4,713.4
1978-79										
July	1,121.7	350.2	961.6	246.7	384.9	252.2	825.5	271.5	297.4	(e)4,711.8
Aug.	1,119.4	348.0	959.8	246.8	384.3	252.1	826.6	273.1	297.7	4,707.7
Sept.	1,120.2	347.4	961.9	246.5	384.0	252.8	825.8	272.9	297.9	(e)4,709.4
Oct.	(e)1,126.7	345.7	967.4	246.5	384.3	252.2	826.3	272.8	297.9	(e)4,719.9
Nov.	(e)1,131.9	345.7	975.8	248.7	386.2	252.4	829.7	275.1	(e)297.2	(e)4,742.7
Dec.	1,127.3	343.1	984.3	251.5	386.4	251.4	822.4	277.6	300.6	4,744.6
Jan.	1,125.5	343.4	970.3	249.8	388.6	251.7	816.4	274.8	300.9	4,721.4
Feb.	1,136.8	344.4	972.9	248.5	391.0	252.7	829.0	276.2	301.6	4,753.1

(a) See footnote (a) on page 5. (b) Excludes permanent defence forces. (c) Excludes private households employing staff. (d) Includes forestry, fishing and hunting; mining; electricity, gas and water, and communication. (e) Affected by industrial disputes.

REGISTERED UNEMPLOYED (a)

(Source: Department of Employment and Youth Affairs)

									Australia		
Month (a)		N.S.W. and A.C.T.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	Males	Females	Persons
1975	Apr.	101,475	71,379	43,167	22,587	19,425	6,134	1,189	161,688	103,668	265,356
1976	Apr.	109,016	65,763	43,064	19,382	20,046	8,439	2,293	172,342	95,661	268,003
1977	Apr.	139,911	73,223	49,484	25,516	23,451	7,975	3,629	208,791	114,398	323,189
1977-78											
	Mar.	154,427	98,051	68,665	39,190	33,364	12,051	4,246	268,362	141,632	409,994
	Apr.	149,979	97,425	65,523	40,227	33,433	11,680	4,267	265,180	137,354	402,534
	May	144,942	94,839	62,796	40,458	32,738	11,999	4,404	261,755	130,408	392,163
	June	144,101	95,172	63,181	40,491	34,443	11,944	4,510	265,232	128,610	393,842
1978-79											
	July	143,588	95,149	61,549	41,192	35,669	12,020	4,301	268,230	125,148	393,378
	Aug.	140,712	94,950	58,767	42,367	35,008	12,081	4,722	266,395	122,221	388,616
	Sept.	136,710	93,689	58,542	42,724	34,172	12,495	4,329	262,255	120,406	382,661
	Oct.	136,844	91,714	58,462	42,049	34,287	12,156	4,646	258,291	121,867	380,158
	Nov.	143,242	98,513	61,268	42,877	36,110	12,638	4,564	265,293	133,919	399,212
	Dec.	162,237	111,489	69,653	47,612	41,145	14,573	4,784	294,598	156,895	451,493
	Jan.	178,041	119,169	78,006	51,617	46,344	15,344	4,995	319,099	174,417	493,516
	Feb.	176,071	113,079	76,488	49,254	45,825	15,308	5,682	307,328	174,379	481,707
	Mar.	164,648	103,728	70,556	46,941	42,985	13,503	5,342	285,140	162,563	447,703
	Apr.	160,074	103,654	67,220	45,115	42,430	13,211	5,273	279,025	157,952	436,977

(a) Comprises all persons who were still registered with the Commonwealth Employment Service (C.E.S.) at the Friday nearest the end of the month and who claimed when registering that they were not employed, and who were seeking full-time employment, i.e. 35 hours or more per week. They include persons referred to employers but whose employment was still unconfirmed, and persons who had recently obtained employment without notifying the C.E.S. All recipients of unemployment benefit are included.

VACANCIES REGISTERED WITH COMMONWEALTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICE (a)

(Source: Department of Employment and Youth Affairs)

									Australia				
Month		N.S.W. and A.C.T.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	Adults		Juniors (b)		Total
									Season- ally adj. (c)	Original	Season- ally adj. (c)	Original	Season- ally adj. (c)
1975	Apr.	11,341	9,433	3,183	2,418	3,146	1,100	678	25,916	25,639	5,383	7,426	31,299
1976	Apr.	6,581	7,999	1,739	1,933	1,877	1,083	447	18,424	18,303	3,235	4,495	21,659
1977	Apr.	6,742	7,534	1,929	1,310	2,295	922	276	16,632	16,597	4,376	6,084	21,008
1977-78													
	Mar.	6,963	6,255	2,034	1,501	1,622	882	266	14,030	13,304	5,493	6,823	19,523
	Apr.	6,809	5,845	1,983	1,450	1,449	771	261	13,045	13,083	5,523	7,705	18,568
	May	6,611	5,683	2,034	1,290	1,303	727	256	12,923	13,033	4,981	7,756	17,904
	June	6,383	5,291	2,208	1,234	1,296	613	178	12,449	13,354	4,754	8,158	17,203
1978-79													
	July	7,102	5,531	2,359	1,086	1,304	688	230	13,113	13,941	5,187	8,248	18,300
	Aug.	7,693	5,305	1,935	982	1,289	616	235	13,040	13,224	5,015	7,352	18,055
	Sept.	8,278	5,478	2,183	1,118	1,339	599	187	13,825	13,823	5,357	6,894	19,182
	Oct.	8,955	6,135	2,180	1,208	1,338	661	237	14,893	14,987	5,821	5,822	20,714
	Nov.	8,527	5,613	1,905	1,060	1,170	756	283	13,585	14,221	5,729	4,208	19,314
	Dec.	8,390	4,764	1,583	1,241	955	746	332	11,253	13,205	6,758	3,630	18,011
	Jan.	10,538	8,254	1,913	1,736	1,092	1,059	343	16,002	13,845	8,927	5,188	24,929
	Feb.	10,371	8,100	2,088	1,730	1,132	1,172	341	17,530	15,173	7,404	5,978	24,934
	Mar.	9,404	6,525	1,921	1,358	1,007	889	319	14,968	14,218	6,455	8,005	21,423
	Apr.	6,862	6,079	1,903	1,310	986	690	387	14,139	14,215	4,078	5,736	18,217

(a) Vacancies notified to the C.E.S., which were still unfilled at the Friday nearest the end of the month and which employers claimed could be filled if labour were supplied immediately or within the following month. Vacancies for full-time, part-time, permanent, temporary, and seasonal positions are included. These figures do not represent the total job vacancies in Australia. (b) Juniors comprise all persons under 21 years of age, including school leavers. (c) For details of the methods used see *Seasonally Adjusted Indicators, 1978* (1308.0).

NOTE: Sample surveys were conducted by the Australian Bureau of Statistics in March each year from 1974 to 1978 to obtain information on the level and composition of job vacancies. To reduce to a minimum the delay in collection of data and publication of the results a quarterly telephone survey in respect of vacancies was commenced in May 1977. These surveys were conducted in May, August and November 1977 and in February and May 1978. As part of the measures necessary to bring the activities of the ABS within the resources available to it, the surveys of job vacancies were then terminated. For a number of reasons the estimates obtained from these surveys differ substantially from the numbers of vacancies registered with the C.E.S. at those dates. For example, the survey estimate of total vacancies at May 1978 was 32,200 while the C.E.S. figure was 17,904. Results of the surveys and reasons why the survey estimates differ from C.E.S. statistics were published in *Job Vacancies, May 1978* (6231.0).

PERSONS RECEIVING UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

(Source : Department of Social Security)

Date	N.S.W. (a)	Vic.	Qld	S.A. (b)	W.A.	Tot.	Australia		
							Males	Females	Persons
1976 July 2	83,361	43,638	26,494	13,148	14,554	7,228	129,788	58,635	188,423
1977 July 29	112,186	54,982	34,340	24,533	19,790	7,978	176,414	77,395	253,809
1978 June 30	104,708	67,632	43,796	34,578	25,620	9,757	203,328	82,763	286,091
1977-78 -									
Mar. 24	109,000	64,693	45,953	31,519	20,293	8,785	192,350	87,893	280,243
Apr. 21	109,856	66,479	43,865	32,577	21,412	9,119	195,981	87,327	283,308
June 2	101,653	65,121	42,102	33,125	21,000	9,383	190,786	81,598	272,384
June 30	104,708	67,632	43,796	34,578	25,620	9,757	203,328	82,763	286,091
1978-79 -									
July 28	108,288	67,182	42,697	35,351	27,430	9,770	208,432	82,286	290,718
Aug. 25	105,017	65,969	41,263	36,390	26,850	9,935	205,831	79,593	285,424
Sept. 22	103,276	67,744	41,029	37,103	25,284	10,206	206,174	78,468	284,642
Nov. 3	101,246	65,889	40,068	37,109	25,750	9,812	201,747	78,127	279,874
Dec. 1	100,153	66,027	41,106	36,889	25,477	9,639	199,534	79,757	279,291
Dec. 29	115,756	74,697	44,462	38,389	28,467	9,508	220,171	91,108	311,279
Jan. 26	121,294	80,141	52,950	43,843	32,405	11,244	237,699	104,178	341,877
Feb. 23	127,473	83,442	55,367	44,475	34,830	11,876	242,727	114,736	357,463
Mar. 23	119,292	75,451	53,108	41,801	33,720	11,028	224,665	109,735	334,400
Apr. 20	122,310	74,486	52,021	41,129	32,651	9,975	223,885	108,687	332,572

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory.

PERSONS RECEIVING SICKNESS AND SPECIAL BENEFITS : AUSTRALIA

(Source : Department of Social Security)

Date	Sickness	Special	
		Ordinary	Migrant (a)
1976 July 2	30,468	7,224	209
1977 July 29	35,102	9,315	169
1978 June 30	35,168	10,964	1,013
1977-78 -			
Mar. 24	32,396	10,014	446
Apr. 21	35,285	10,825	539
June 2	33,748	10,538	914
June 30	35,168	10,964	1,013
1978-79 -			
July 28	34,801	11,537	542
Aug. 25	35,094	11,649	664
Sept. 22	34,684	11,971	557
Nov. 3	34,247	11,573	563
Dec. 1	35,280	11,634	413
Dec. 29	30,998	11,351	617
Jan. 26	34,216	12,644	711
Feb. 23	33,148	11,815	598
Mar. 23	32,619	12,080	596
Apr. 20	31,331	12,507	455

(a) In Australian Government centres or hostels awaiting their first placement in employment in Australia.

INTERNAL TRADE

VALUE OF RETAIL SALES (a) : AUSTRALIA (\$ million)

Commodity groups

Period	Groceries (b)	Butchers' meat	Other food (c)	Beer, wine and spirits	Clothing and drap- ery	Foot- wear	Hard- ware (d)	Elect- rical goods (e)	Furni- ture	Chem- ists' goods	News- papers, books and station- ery	Other goods (f)	Total (excl. motor vehic- les, etc.)
ORIGINAL													
1975-76	3,156.7	1,114.0	1,857.3	2,534.9	2,925.9	453.3	768.4	1,742.9	1,088.5	1,053.5	686.3	1,663.5	19,045.2
1976-77	3,714.4	1,272.6	2,091.1	2,845.3	3,252.6	509.6	840.9	1,934.1	1,216.3	1,140.2	776.2	1,840.4	21,433.7
1977-78	4,257.2	1,417.6	2,356.8	3,133.7	3,586.3	575.5	963.5	1,850.1	1,282.5	1,236.0	863.3	2,033.9	23,556.4
1977-78													
Sept. qtr	996.4	344.3	552.0	718.3	832.2	131.8	208.4	446.1	322.2	295.9	196.5	466.4	5,510.5
Dec. qtr	1,125.4	362.1	616.8	863.5	1,023.9	154.3	317.0	546.4	360.8	342.7	248.8	621.7	6,583.4
Mar. qtr	1,036.1	343.3	589.9	790.8	741.7	124.8	214.1	400.3	274.4	288.0	211.5	464.2	5,479.1
June qtr	1,099.3	367.9	598.1	761.1	988.5	164.6	224.0	457.3	325.1	309.4	206.5	481.6	5,983.4
1978-79													
Sept. qtr	1,128.5	381.3	618.6	815.4	905.0	142.8	238.3	442.7	334.8	319.8	216.5	511.4	6,055.1
Dec. qtr	1,257.3	404.2	693.5	975.5	1,085.2	167.8	358.6	544.4	374.3	375.6	276.1	693.3	7,205.8
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED													
1977-78													
Sept. qtr	1,006.5	339.4	563.3	761.5	866.9	137.1	229.2	461.0	312.7	301.0	208.7	489.9	5,680.1
Dec. qtr	1,049.4	351.9	582.9	774.6	888.3	138.0	240.3	465.8	321.3	304.1	224.3	504.9	5,827.6
Mar. qtr	1,080.9	360.9	596.8	793.7	903.5	144.6	245.6	455.1	317.7	312.2	209.4	515.3	5,944.9
June qtr	1,123.3	364.6	613.3	807.2	927.5	156.1	248.2	467.7	331.3	318.2	219.4	524.6	6,108.8
1978-79													
Sept. qtr	1,139.8	377.3	633.8	861.2	940.4	147.4	262.6	459.1	324.5	327.1	231.1	535.9	6,245.2
Dec. qtr	1,176.2	395.2	653.8	876.7	945.2	151.1	271.5	464.2	333.6	332.8	249.0	565.9	6,397.9
MONTHLY ESTIMATES													
Total (excluding motor vehicles, etc.)													
Period	Original			Seasonally adjusted			Period	Original			Seasonally adjusted		
1977-78							1978-79						
Feb.	1,758.5			1,991.6			Sept.	2,061.4			2,117.2		
Mar.	1,940.6			1,987.3			Oct.	2,091.0			2,124.0		
Apr.	1,900.9			2,013.0			Nov.	2,223.6			2,114.1		
May	2,108.2			2,045.6			Dec.	2,891.2			2,183.5		
June	1,974.3			2,037.0			Jan. p	2,049.0			2,194.0		
1978-79							Feb. p	1,953.0			2,212.0		
July	1,941.2			2,063.8			Mar. p	2,185.0			2,228.0		
Aug.	2,052.5			2,086.8									

(a) Excludes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory. Series based on 1973-74 Retail Census. (b) Includes bacon, butter, etc. (c) Includes fresh fruit and vegetables, confectionery, soft drinks, ice cream, cakes, pastry, cooked provisions, fish, etc., but excludes some delivered milk and bread. (d) Excludes basic building materials, builders' hardware and supplies such as tools of trade, paint, etc. (e) Includes radios, television and accessories, musical instruments, domestic refrigerators, etc. (f) Includes tobacco, cigarettes, etc., sporting goods, etc., but excludes grain and produce and business machines.

NOTE. For further information see *Retail Sales of Goods* (8503.0) December quarter 1978. Figures from June Quarter 1978 are subject to revision when more precise information is available relating to trading by new businesses.

INSTALMENT CREDIT FOR RETAIL SALES (\$ million)

Period	Amount financed during period (excluding hiring charges, interest, insurance, etc.)			Cash collections and other liquidations of balances during period	Balances outstanding at end of period (including hiring charges, etc.)
	Motor vehicles, etc.	Household and personal goods	Total		
FINANCE COMPANIES					
1977-78 : Aug.	108.0	24.9	132.8	168.2	2,646.2
Sept.	105.5	25.0	131.4	163.6	2,667.7
Oct.	95.2	29.4	124.6	158.7	2,689.3
Nov.	101.4	30.9	132.3	163.9	2,715.0
Dec.	95.2	32.3	127.6	154.6	2,743.2
Jan.	95.5	19.0	114.6	153.8	2,758.8
Feb.	93.5	21.6	115.2	171.8	2,754.1
Mar.	101.0	22.3	123.3	172.6	2,761.1
Apr.	98.0	24.0	122.0	167.0	2,772.4
May	109.6	29.0	138.6	183.4	2,790.1
June	102.0	26.8	128.8	172.4	2,804.0
1978-79 : July	101.0	24.4	125.3	178.1	2,809.2
Aug.	110.7	25.2	135.8	184.1	2,826.2
Sept.	103.4	24.5	127.9	170.0	2,840.4
States, September 1978 :					
N.S.W.	34.8	10.5	45.3	56.5	1,003.9
Vic.	22.6	5.0	27.6	39.6	605.3
Qld	17.0	4.4	21.4	28.6	478.7
S.A.	9.6	1.4	11.0	(a)16.4	(a)268.4
W.A.	11.4	1.6	13.0	17.2	310.9
Tas.	4.6	0.6	5.2	7.1	104.0
N.T.	1.0	0.1	1.1	(b)	(b)
A.C.T.	2.4	0.9	3.3	4.8	69.3
OTHER BUSINESSES					
1977-78 : Aug.	0.1	21.1	21.2	23.4	160.7
Sept.	0.1	19.0	19.1	22.2	159.5
Oct.	—	19.1	19.1	21.8	158.4
Nov.	—	21.9	21.9	22.2	160.0
Dec.	0.1	26.3	26.4	21.4	166.8
Jan.	—	15.3	15.3	21.1	162.7
Feb.	—	15.3	15.3	21.6	158.2
Mar.	—	16.4	16.5	20.4	156.1
Apr.	—	18.3	18.4	20.9	155.4
May	—	19.0	19.0	22.4	153.9
June	—	16.7	16.8	22.4	150.4
1978-79 : July	—	18.4	18.4	21.8	151.2
Aug.	—	17.7	17.7	20.5	148.9
Sept.	—	15.6	15.7	19.5	146.3
States, September 1978 :					
N.S.W.	—	4.2	4.2	5.0	44.4
Vic.	—	5.0	5.0	6.7	45.0
Qld	—	1.8	1.8	2.2	14.5
S.A.	—	2.8	2.8	(a)3.2	(a)26.8
W.A.	—	1.6	1.6	1.9	12.8
Tas.	—	0.3	0.3	0.5	2.8
N.T.	—	—	—	(b)	(b)
A.C.T.	—	—	—	—	0.1
ALL BUSINESSES					
1977-78 : Aug.	108.0	46.0	154.0	191.6	2,806.9
Sept.	105.6	44.9	150.5	185.8	2,827.2
Oct.	95.2	48.5	143.7	180.5	2,847.7
Nov.	101.4	52.8	154.2	186.1	2,875.0
Dec.	95.3	58.6	153.9	176.0	2,904.8
Jan.	95.6	34.3	129.9	174.9	2,921.5
Feb.	93.6	36.9	130.5	193.5	2,912.3
Mar.	101.0	38.8	139.8	192.9	2,917.2
Apr.	98.0	42.3	140.4	187.9	2,927.9
May	109.6	48.0	157.6	205.8	2,944.0
June	102.0	43.5	145.5	194.7	2,954.4
1978-79 : July	101.0	42.7	143.7	199.9	2,960.5
Aug.	110.7	42.8	153.5	204.6	2,975.1
Sept.	103.4	40.1	143.6	189.5	2,986.8
States, September 1978 :					
N.S.W.	34.8	14.7	49.5	61.5	1,048.2
Vic.	22.6	10.0	32.6	46.3	650.3
Qld	17.0	6.2	23.2	30.8	493.2
S.A.	9.6	4.2	13.8	(a)19.6	(a)295.2
W.A.	11.4	3.2	14.6	19.0	323.7
Tas.	4.6	0.8	5.4	7.5	106.8
N.T.	1.0	0.1	1.1	(b)	(b)
A.C.T.	2.4	0.9	3.3	4.8	69.4

(a) Includes Northern Territory. (b) Not available separately for publication, included in South Australia.

OVERSEAS TRADE

IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE BY BROAD ECONOMIC CATEGORIES (a) : AUSTRALIA
(£ million)

	Food and Beverages						Fuels and Lubricants			Capital goods (except trans. equip. and parts)	
	Primary		Processed		Processed						
	Mainly for industry	Mainly for household consumption	Mainly for industry	Mainly for household consumption	Industrial supplies		Primary	Motor spirit	Other	Capital goods	Parts
					Primary	Processed					
1975-76	51.1	81.6	44.1	159.1	243.7	2,052.3	329.8	93.4	371.2	1,442.6	293.2
1976-77	129.2	121.2	59.8	224.8	275.7	2,684.5	395.1	136.0	447.6	1,842.8	360.6
1977-78	141.1	140.9	76.2	265.6	321.8	2,829.8	474.2	92.8	571.8	2,094.1	390.9
1977-78											
Jan.	13.5	12.5	6.6	25.0	23.4	258.1	52.5	11.0	73.4	175.1	31.0
Feb.	10.0	10.6	4.2	23.1	25.8	222.6	29.1	1.6	52.3	161.0	30.1
Mar.	9.3	11.3	7.9	20.8	25.2	244.8	41.1	12.0	45.1	182.7	36.1
Apr.	4.5	10.9	9.7	19.4	27.4	226.0	47.4	13.0	41.5	163.6	33.3
May	11.4	11.4	5.8	25.2	35.1	261.5	43.8	4.6	39.2	195.5	38.3
June	10.4	10.0	6.2	21.8	30.7	246.4	30.3	4.3	44.2	193.3	33.1
1978-79 p											
July	14.8	7.9	6.9	23.7	26.1	269.3	49.4	2.1	33.2	166.4	64.9
Aug.	10.9	8.5	4.9	29.3	25.7	287.0	28.3	8.5	75.5	179.2	78.4
Sept.	7.7	7.7	6.3	21.4	23.7	238.1	22.0	4.0	39.0	170.3	69.3
Oct.	11.3	8.4	9.0	34.4	29.5	324.7	25.6	5.1	21.2	210.3	85.6
Nov.	9.2	9.3	7.3	32.0	29.6	301.9	41.2	2.0	60.6	213.9	86.5
Dec.	8.8	7.8	3.2	27.4	21.7	245.8	38.8	3.8	48.0	189.1	73.9
Jan.	8.3	9.6	7.5	28.2	24.7	326.1	26.0	12.5	59.4	213.2	85.9
Feb.	21.0	5.8	8.6	23.7	23.9	267.2	16.4	7.4	63.5	179.8	67.7
Transport Equipment and Parts											
	Other				Consumer Goods n.e.s.			Total imports of merchandise		Total imports	
	Passenger motor cars (b)	Industrial (b)	Non-industrial	Parts	Durable	Semi-durable	Non-durable	Goods n.e.s.		Original	Seasonally adjusted
1975-76	219.1	208.9	44.0	790.3	644.7	606.9	302.3	175.3	8,153.7	8,240.6	
1976-77	298.7	324.8	49.2	928.4	766.1	803.8	359.3	124.7	10,332.1	10,410.6	
1977-78	290.5	373.9	39.3	912.7	632.8	870.4	422.8	140.3	11,081.8	11,166.6	
1977-78											
Jan.	20.1	23.6	3.1	78.4	43.5	79.6	37.0	10.1	977.6	985.7	939.4
Feb.	11.6	17.9	3.7	68.3	46.0	84.8	31.5	12.4	846.5	853.9	915.3
Mar.	31.0	27.9	3.5	79.6	47.1	72.5	37.9	16.5	952.3	964.9	988.8
Apr.	22.1	41.9	3.5	74.1	47.8	61.3	31.4	12.9	891.7	896.9	962.8
May	23.5	40.0	3.6	90.9	55.5	66.3	41.0	21.1	1,013.7	1,020.2	976.4
June	32.6	60.4	5.0	84.0	55.7	65.6	37.9	10.7	982.5	988.4	999.1
1978-79 p											
July	32.0	65.6	11.1	88.4	58.2	72.7	48.0	8.9	1,049.7	1,068.4	1,030.9
Aug.	25.5	59.5	10.6	90.8	61.8	83.3	49.2	10.1	1,126.9	1,135.0	1,032.5
Sept.	29.4	73.7	11.2	71.8	56.6	68.6	46.5	7.1	974.3	981.0	1,049.5
Oct.	21.4	59.0	11.9	99.3	85.4	76.4	58.4	10.1	1,187.0	1,195.2	1,152.6
Nov.	33.9	53.2	11.2	91.6	80.7	70.3	51.2	11.0	1,196.6	1,206.4	1,141.4
Dec.	35.1	62.3	11.5	75.6	59.3	57.5	45.1	10.9	1,025.7	1,033.9	1,156.6
Jan.	37.7	44.2	7.4	105.5	59.1	83.2	51.2	12.1	1,201.8	1,213.2	1,149.9
Feb.	24.2	59.3	6.9	85.8	54.4	78.7	41.3	7.9	1,043.6	1,050.5	1,123.4

(a) From July 1978 onwards, the ABS ceased to compile Import statistics by Economic Class. Economic Class Statistics have been replaced by import statistics classified according to the nineteen categories of the United Nations' Classification, Broad Economic Categories (B.E.C.).
 (b) Unassembled road motor vehicles are included with parts and accessories of transport equipment.

EXPORT OF MERCHANDISE, PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES : AUSTRALIA
(\$ million)

Period	Meats	Dairy produce	Wheat and flour	Dried, fresh and pre-served fruit	Sugar	Coal, coke and briquettes	Ores and concentrates	
							Non-ferrous	Iron
1975-76	667.9	189.5	961.5	96.1	569.9	1,369.8	526.6	771.0
1976-77	884.8	189.3	893.4	98.9	637.5	1,291.5	645.1	901.7
1977-78	1,118.9	187.9	1,033.4	115.3	536.7	1,489.8	1,278.0	920.9
1977-78								
Feb.	108.5	16.0	95.2	4.5	1.9	139.0	92.8	68.4
Mar.	95.9	16.8	76.0	8.0	18.2	119.7	86.4	66.5
Apr.	102.2	13.0	87.8	10.1	18.3	147.9	91.8	72.6
May	108.4	14.7	106.8	15.3	26.7	127.5	104.0	63.4
June	95.2	14.6	66.2	18.5	33.1	126.5	150.2	82.0
1978-79 p								
July	124.1	15.0	59.9	11.8	40.7	119.8	92.0	85.6
Aug.	115.8	12.7	53.9	15.7	46.0	87.4	117.4	77.3
Sept.	92.8	5.6	41.8	7.6	43.3	109.8	90.9	92.6
Oct.	117.8	15.6	42.2	14.3	91.1	110.4	116.4	85.2
Nov.	133.1	16.8	35.9	8.9	52.7	139.3	150.6	62.2
Dec.	105.7	17.2	35.4	7.8	56.7	139.6	94.2	73.1
Jan.	178.8	23.4	83.8	6.5	23.2	162.8	110.5	89.9
Feb.	143.7	18.5	70.0	4.2	1.9	99.7	122.7	83.8
Mar.	156.6	18.3	95.0	4.5	32.1	105.2	98.8	57.5

Period	Road motor vehicles	Wool		Total exports of merchandise	Total exports	
		Original	Seasonally adjusted		Original	Seasonally adjusted
1975-76	95.1	961.9	79.4	9,399.7	9,640.0	1,016.0
1976-77	91.7	1,477.1	109.7	11,483.9	11,646.0	1,006.0
1977-78	90.9	1,183.1	114.2	12,049.4	12,270.0	1,028.0
1977-78						
Feb.	5.5	96.6	110.1	943.1	957.0	1,022.0
Mar.	5.6	103.7	107.1	939.4	951.0	1,048.0
Apr.	6.4	126.7	111.1	1,001.7	1,013.0	
May	8.4	112.5	106.2	1,022.6	1,042.0	
June	9.3	106.2	113.5	1,111.1	1,126.0	
1978-79 p						
July	7.2	115.5	113.5	1,060.2	1,073.4	1,086.1
Aug.	11.7	99.7	97.4	1,020.6	1,031.7	992.5
Sept.	9.6	59.4	83.8	910.1	934.1	937.9
Oct.	12.2	109.0	142.8	1,110.8	1,134.0	1,145.5
Nov.	10.7	146.5	162.0	1,194.2	1,205.6	1,144.0
Dec.	9.1	122.5	129.9	1,071.0	1,088.1	1,147.6
Jan.	9.6	121.2	90.8	1,279.1	1,307.5	1,314.8
Feb.	7.7	130.3	106.8	1,106.5	1,126.3	1,171.9
Mar.	11.2	151.3	153.1	1,149.2	1,163.0	1,257.7

EXPORTS OF MERCHANDISE AT AVERAGE 1974-75 PRICES (a) : AUSTRALIA
(£ million)

Period	Meat and meat preparations	Cereal grains and cereal preparations	Sugar, sugar preparations and honey	Other (dairy produce, fruit, etc.)	Wool and sheep-skins	Metal-liferous ores and metal scrap	Coal, coke and briquettes	Metals, metal manufactures, machinery, transport equipment	Other exports	All exports of merchandise	
										Original	Seasonally adjusted
1975-76	602	1,460	664	471	1,024	1,177	674	1,433	1,333	8,840	8,840
1976-77	727	1,535	841	526	1,191	1,218	767	1,504	1,414	9,724	9,724
1977-78	799	1,794	813	460	900	1,207	827	1,647	1,545	9,996	9,996
1977-78											
Sept. qtr	202	460	263	109	162	316	197	439	366	2,514	2,437
Dec. qtr	202	461	313	110	225	299	208	417	383	2,619	2,555
Mar. qtr	197	463	130	116	257	281	202	367	372	2,387	2,533
June qtr	198	410	107	125	256	311	220	424	424	2,474	2,469
1978-79 p											
Sept. qtr	219	241	184	98	203	399	172	477	315	2,308	2,235
Dec. qtr	196	201	265	113	272	409	216	486	358	2,518	2,456

IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE AT AVERAGE 1974-75 PRICES (a) : AUSTRALIA
(£ million)

Period	Food, beverages and tobacco	Fuels	Basic materials	Chemicals (incl. plastics)	Textiles, fabrics etc.	Metals, metal manufactures, machinery, transport equipment	Other imports	All imports of merchandise	
								Original	Seasonally adjusted
1975-76 (b)	330	679	409	666	521	3,156	1,570	7,331	7,331
1976-77	379	763	441	799	546	3,515	1,747	8,190	8,190
1977-78	372	797	427	832	516	3,096	1,679	7,718	7,718
1977-78									
Sept. qtr	97	190	113	195	131	807	431	1,964	1,915
Dec. qtr	84	191	99	197	123	745	393	1,831	1,845
Mar. qtr	97	226	101	226	126	727	443	1,946	1,952
June qtr	95	190	114	213	136	817	412	1,977	2,001
1978-79 p									
Sept. qtr	87	187	117	222	144	858	466	2,081	2,037
Dec. qtr	99	179	111	233	166	946	475	2,209	2,229

(a) Estimates of Exports and Imports of merchandise at average 1974-75 prices were presented for the first time in Catalogue No. 5421.0 of 11 August 1978. These estimates replace the previously published series based on average 1966-67 prices. (b) Prior to September quarter 1976, the recorded value of imports was the higher of actual selling price or current domestic value (in the country of export). Since then a system of valuation based on the Brussels Definition of Value has been used. It has been estimated that if the previous basis of valuation had continued, the current price values of total imports would have been about 2% higher than the recorded values on the new basis. The estimates at average 1966-67 prices would be affected to a much lesser degree.

PRICES AND WAGES

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

The Consumer Price Index has been compiled for periods from September quarter 1948. The composition of groups and the group structure of the index has been altered with the introduction of the ninth Consumer Price Index series as from September quarter 1976. A description of the index is contained in the booklet "A guide to Consumer Price Index".

GROUP INDEX NUMBERS
WEIGHTED AVERAGE OF SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES
(Base of each index: Year 1966-67 = 100.0 unless otherwise noted)

Period	Food	Clothing	Housing	Household equipment and operation	Transport- ation	Tobacco and alcohol	Health and personal care (a)	Recreation (b)	All groups
1975-76	180.2	201.0	221.1	178.3	203.8	211.1	151.6	104.1	193.3
1976-77	201.2	232.5	251.8	196.3	221.9	229.8	265.8	113.4	220.0
1977-78	223.2	257.4	274.6	212.6	240.1	240.0	318.3	116.0	241.0
1977-78									
Dec. qtr	222.1	256.5	273.2	211.7	239.2	239.2	311.0	112.6	239.6
Mar. qtr	223.5	259.3	276.9	213.8	243.0	241.9	317.8	114.9	242.7
June qtr	229.8	265.6	281.7	218.3	245.9	242.8	337.3	116.0	247.7
1978-79									
Sept. qtr	236.6	269.0	285.2	221.1	251.2	245.3	350.2	117.6	252.5
Dec. qtr	244.0	274.8	290.5	224.2	259.7	287.5	281.9	119.5	258.2
Mar. qtr	251.3	276.6	294.3	227.8	265.8	286.5	285.4	121.7	262.6

(a) Base: December quarter 1968 = 100.0. (b) Base: September quarter 1976 = 100.0.

ALL GROUPS INDEX NUMBERS
(Base of each index: Year 1966-67 = 100.0)

Period	Weighted average of six State capital cities	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Canberra	Weighted average of seven capital cities
1975-76	193.3	199.0	189.5	190.9	190.5	189.6	190.0	187.3	193.3
1976-77	220.0	223.4	216.6	218.0	220.1	219.4	217.7	212.9	219.9
1977-78	241.0	243.2	238.2	238.4	241.8	243.1	239.1	232.3	240.9
1977-78									
Dec. qtr	239.6	241.8	236.6	236.3	241.0	242.5	238.1	231.9	239.5
Mar. qtr	242.7	245.1	239.2	240.6	243.1	245.3	240.8	234.2	242.5
June qtr	247.7	249.8	245.2	245.2	247.6	249.8	245.5	238.1	247.6
1978-79									
Sept. qtr	252.5	255.0	249.6	249.8	252.6	254.7	249.3	242.7	252.4
Dec. qtr	258.2	261.6	253.9	257.6	256.9	260.8	254.5	248.2	258.0
Mar. qtr	262.6	266.7	258.4	259.3	261.3	264.3	260.0	252.8	262.4

PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY (a) GROUP INDEX NUMBERS : AUSTRALIA

(Base : Year 1968-69 = 100.0)

Period	Manufactured materials (imported) (b)								
	Chemicals	Metal manu- factures, components, for trans- port equip- ment and machinery	Other manu- factured materials (b)	Other materials (imported and home produced) (c)			Total imported materials	Total home produced materials	All groups
				Food, live animals and tobacco	Crude materials (excl. fuels)	Electricity, gas and fuels			
Value weight (%)	6.67	5.21	5.76	45.87	20.66	15.83	27.16	72.84	100.00
1975-76	149.4	179.6	148.4	132.5	163.0	229.0	202.9	142.0	158.6
1976-77	160.3	211.6	164.5	154.9	191.7	254.8	233.2	163.2	182.2
1977-78	170.7	246.6	185.1	166.6	199.4	291.0	257.0	176.8	198.6
1977-78 -									
Jan.	170.0	252.8	185.1	162.5	200.1	294.7	256.8	175.7	197.7
Feb.	172.7	253.5	185.4	170.1	200.4	294.3	257.9	180.3	201.4
Mar.	174.0	254.1	187.6	168.4	199.5	294.0	258.6	179.0	200.7
Apr.	173.6	255.5	188.2	173.7	200.9	296.1	259.5	183.0	203.8
May	172.7	257.9	189.1	174.3	202.6	297.5	260.0	184.2	204.8
June	172.5	259.7	191.2	190.9	203.9	294.5	259.7	194.7	212.4
1978-79 -									
July	173.9	263.5	191.8	197.6	204.8	303.8	261.0	201.2	217.4
Aug.	175.0	267.9	192.4	198.4	206.8	329.2	262.4	207.7	222.6
Sept.	175.8	268.8	193.8	201.9	210.3	352.9	263.6	215.9	228.8
Oct.	176.0	268.0	194.1	204.2	214.3	355.1	263.8	218.8	231.1
Nov.	176.5	270.9	197.9	205.9	217.4	355.8	266.3	220.6	233.0
Dec.	176.9	271.1	199.4	212.6	218.9	355.9	268.1	224.7	236.5
Jan. p	178.8	269.8	200.7	228.7	224.2	376.7	270.6	238.1	246.9
Feb. p	179.9	271.7	205.6	237.7	232.5	370.0	275.5	245.5	253.6

(a) The index is on a net basis and relates in concept only to materials that enter Australian manufacturing industry from other sectors of the Australian economy or from overseas. (b) Excluding the manufactured imported crude materials listed in footnote (c). (c) Includes imported fuel oil and the following manufactured imported crude materials: synthetic rubber, hardwood, softwood, woodpulp, synthetic fibre, vegetable oils.

PRICE INDEXES OF ARTICLES PRODUCED BY MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY (a) DIVISION AND SUB-DIVISION INDEX NUMBERS : AUSTRALIA

(Base : Year 1968-69 = 100.0)

Net sub-division indexes (c)

Period	All Manuf- acturing Industry Index (b)	Food, beverages and tobacco (21-22)	Textiles (23)		Wood, wood products and furniture (25)	Paper, paper products and printing (26)	Chemical, petroleum and coal products (27)	Glass, clay and other non- metallic mineral products (28)	Basic metal products (29)	Fabricated metal products (31)	Transport equipment (32)	Other industrial machinery and equip- ment and house- hold appliances (33)		Miscellan- eous manu- facturing products (34)
1975-76	177.8	163.5	159.7	185.2	219.9	196.3	168.2	183.2	174.0	217.1	175.8	179.2	159.0	195.9
1976-77	196.9	180.0	178.6	208.1	246.8	212.8	182.4	202.5	200.6	244.9	195.0	199.4	176.0	195.9
1977-78	213.8	195.6	193.3	225.2	264.0	231.7	200.7	219.8	213.9	268.7	211.6	215.3	192.4	192.4
1977-78 -														
Feb.	215.6	197.1	193.7	227.3	263.6	236.5	203.3	222.6	214.4	270.0	213.8	217.4	195.3	195.3
Mar.	217.1	199.2	194.3	228.4	265.0	236.8	204.8	223.8	214.9	274.1	214.1	218.4	195.9	195.9
Apr.	218.8	201.7	194.7	228.7	267.7	237.9	206.6	225.3	215.4	274.9	217.8	219.5	196.9	196.9
May	220.0	204.5	195.7	229.3	270.1	238.6	206.4	226.1	216.6	276.3	218.9	220.2	197.2	197.2
June	221.6	206.8	196.8	230.6	271.0	239.0	207.0	227.1	219.6	278.1	219.9	221.9	197.8	197.8
1978-79 -														
July	223.3	208.9	198.4	233.5	271.5	239.3	207.7	227.1	220.0	279.0	222.2	223.2	199.0	199.0
Aug.	224.3	208.3	199.4	235.3	272.5	239.9	209.9	227.3	221.6	281.3	223.5	224.9	200.3	200.3
Sept.	227.0	211.2	200.1	235.6	273.8	241.9	221.5	228.1	223.3	282.0	224.5	225.6	201.0	201.0
Oct.	229.7	214.8	202.5	236.6	275.1	242.4	227.2	230.0	225.6	282.8	226.4	227.0	201.9	201.9
Nov.	231.5	216.4	202.8	236.6	275.5	243.4	230.9	232.0	227.4	283.3	228.0	229.4	203.9	203.9
Dec.	233.6	219.1	203.3	236.9	277.0	244.2	232.7	234.9	229.2	284.4	230.2	230.7	205.7	205.7
Jan.	237.0	224.2	205.5	237.4	279.9	245.5	233.7	237.8	234.5	288.3	232.1	232.7	206.7	206.7
Feb. p	241.5	229.8	206.2	239.5	283.1	247.2	238.0	240.7	243.4	292.2	233.4	235.4	212.1	212.1
Mar. p	244.7	234.9	207.7	241.0	284.6	247.9	242.0	242.0	248.9	293.4	233.9	237.2	216.7	216.7

(a) For a full description of Division C, "Manufacturing" and the selected sub-divisions see Australian Standard Industrial Classification (ASIC), Preliminary Edition, 1969. (b) This index is on a 'net division' basis and relates in concept only to articles which are produced in the Manufacturing Division of ASIC (Division C) for sale or transfer outside the Division. (c) These indexes are on a 'net sub-division' basis. ASIC sub-division codes are shown in brackets at the head of the columns.

PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN HOUSE BUILDING

ALL GROUPS INDEX NUMBERS - SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES
(Base : Year 1966 = 100.0)

Period	State capital cities						Weighted average of six State capital cities
	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	
1975-76	211.1	200.1	218.5	222.5	201.9	209.2	208.1
1976-77	214.5	223.6	243.5	250.7	229.8	235.1	232.9
1977-78	254.0	238.6	265.1	270.7	253.4	256.7	252.0
1977-78 -							
Mar.	256.6	241.6	269.1	273.3	257.2	260.9	255.1
Apr.	259.8	242.6	270.3	274.3	257.5	261.3	256.7
May	260.9	243.1	271.3	276.9	257.9	262.2	257.6
June	261.9	243.7	272.0	278.1	259.0	263.2	258.5
1978-79 -							
July	263.0	243.3	273.7	280.3	258.6	264.0	259.0
Aug.	264.5	244.4	274.6	279.7	260.0	265.4	260.2
Sept.	265.4	244.9	275.1	279.7	261.8	265.5	260.9
Oct.	266.7	246.1	275.2	280.6	262.9	266.1	262.0
Nov.	267.3	247.0	276.6	282.1	264.7	268.0	263.0
Dec.	268.9	248.3	277.9	286.8	265.1	268.8	264.6
Jan.	271.9	250.0	279.6	292.1	267.0	268.8	266.9
Feb.	274.6	254.3	284.9	295.8	271.4	276.7	270.9
Mar. p	278.2	255.9	287.0	300.6	274.8	279.7	273.7
Apr. p	282.0	259.7	289.3	306.8	276.1	283.8	277.2

GROUP INDEX NUMBERS - WEIGHTED AVERAGE OF SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES
(Base : Year 1966-67 = 100.0)

Period	Concrete mix, cement and sand	Cement products	Clay bricks, tile, etc.	Timber, board and joinery	Steel products	Other metal products	Plumbing fixtures, etc.	Electrical installation materials	Installed appliances	Plaster and plaster products	Miscellaneous materials	All groups
Value weight (%)	5.73	8.10	12.25	35.16	5.86	7.20	3.74	1.63	5.13	5.64	7.96	100.00
1975-76	195.1	227.0	205.1	226.2	229.3	187.1	201.5	183.5	165.9	167.7	187.9	208.1
1976-77	217.8	258.9	227.8	254.1	263.2	207.9	224.3	201.8	181.9	178.8	210.7	232.9
1977-78	239.0	284.6	245.8	275.0	287.7	220.1	239.1	215.5	193.3	191.8	230.4	252.0
1977-78 -												
Mar.	243.5	287.9	248.4	277.9	291.2	221.7	242.8	217.9	195.7	195.3	234.9	255.1
Apr.	244.4	291.5	251.5	279.5	292.2	223.9	243.1	218.8	195.6	195.4	235.8	256.7
May	245.7	291.8	251.9	280.7	293.3	224.9	243.1	221.4	197.4	195.6	236.1	257.6
June	246.3	292.4	252.4	281.0	296.0	226.8	243.0	224.3	198.6	197.1	237.1	258.5
1978-79 -												
July	243.9	292.4	253.8	281.4	297.7	226.8	243.4	224.5	199.1	197.3	239.9	259.0
Aug.	241.7	293.6	254.1	283.1	299.5	229.3	243.2	227.4	200.3	197.8	242.0	260.2
Sept.	240.9	296.9	254.1	283.8	300.1	230.8	236.2	228.5	200.8	200.1	243.9	260.9
Oct.	242.3	297.8	258.6	284.4	300.9	231.6	233.4	233.2	201.1	200.6	244.3	262.0
Nov.	245.7	300.9	259.9	284.7	301.5	232.5	233.2	233.9	201.8	201.3	246.0	263.0
Dec.	250.9	302.4	260.3	285.9	302.4	233.3	238.8	234.3	201.7	205.5	247.5	264.6
Jan.	257.3	303.2	261.4	288.9	304.4	235.9	241.6	239.1	202.5	205.8	248.8	266.9
Feb.	262.9	306.7	263.9	293.5	314.0	242.6	244.8	246.2	203.4	205.9	249.5	270.9
Mar. p	264.4	311.1	267.6	295.9	316.4	249.3	246.4	247.9	204.2	205.9	252.7	273.7
Apr. p	269.8	312.0	269.9	300.5	317.7	253.7	253.7	257.2	205.6	210.3	253.8	277.2

PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN BUILDING OTHER THAN HOUSE BUILDING

ALL GROUPS INDEX NUMBERS - SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES

(Base : Year 1966-67 = 100.0)

Period	State capital cities						Weighted average of six State capital cities
	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	
1975-76	199.0	209.4	216.3	210.4	208.3	210.4	206.2
1976-77	221.5	234.8	241.2	234.3	235.4	234.8	230.3
1977-78	239.9	254.4	260.9	254.2	258.3	253.7	249.7
1977-78							
Mar.	243.2	257.7	264.1	257.8	261.4	256.4	252.9
Apr.	245.1	259.0	264.9	259.1	263.1	257.6	254.6
May	245.9	260.1	266.6	260.9	265.1	259.3	255.7
June	248.3	262.1	268.8	262.6	266.9	260.7	257.8
1978-79							
July	249.8	261.4	269.8	263.0	267.6	261.9	258.5
Aug.	250.6	262.0	270.8	263.1	269.3	262.9	259.4
Sept.	251.8	262.3	271.4	262.8	269.8	263.5	259.9
Oct.	252.7	263.7	271.8	263.2	270.8	264.2	260.9
Nov.	254.4	265.4	273.1	264.3	272.1	265.9	262.5
Dec.	255.5	268.1	275.2	269.2	272.8	267.6	264.4
Jan.	260.0	271.1	278.2	274.7	276.4	267.9	268.3
Feb.	264.2	277.2	283.4	281.5	281.0	274.5	273.4
Mar. p	265.7	278.7	284.9	283.8	282.9	276.8	275.0
Apr. p	267.4	281.1	287.1	288.0	285.3	278.6	277.3

GROUP INDEX NUMBERS - WEIGHTED AVERAGE OF SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES

(Base : Year 1966-67 = 100.0)

Period	Concrete mix, cement, sand, etc.	Cement products	Bricks, stone, etc.	Timber, board and joinery	Steel and iron products	Aluminium products	Other metal products	Plumbing fixtures	Miscellaneous materials	Electrical installation materials (a)	Mechanical services components	All groups
Value weight (%)	10.41	3.64	5.28	11.90	30.58	6.01	2.59	1.19	7.09	8.61	12.70	100.00
1975-76	193.0	220.0	202.7	219.3	223.4	193.6	173.3	232.1	186.8	177.4	201.3	206.2
1976-77	215.6	244.7	224.0	243.6	251.7	213.7	195.0	251.2	204.2	199.6	225.4	230.3
1977-78	235.3	268.4	241.0	263.2	273.4	230.8	198.1	263.7	221.9	215.3	247.2	249.7
1977-78												
Mar.	240.7	273.5	243.6	266.1	276.6	232.3	198.0	266.5	225.8	216.9	251.4	252.9
Apr.	241.4	276.9	245.6	268.7	277.3	232.5	200.8	266.9	226.7	219.8	254.2	254.6
May	242.2	275.3	246.4	269.8	278.7	236.2	201.9	267.0	227.3	221.6	255.0	255.7
June	242.8	276.8	247.2	271.0	282.2	237.5	205.9	267.0	227.9	225.0	256.6	257.8
1978-79												
July	240.5	277.2	248.3	271.2	283.7	238.0	203.9	267.2	230.9	224.8	258.2	258.5
Aug.	239.1	277.6	249.1	272.3	284.6	239.7	205.9	266.8	229.5	226.8	260.2	259.4
Sept.	239.6	277.6	249.3	273.0	285.1	239.6	208.9	251.3	230.8	228.4	261.5	259.9
Oct.	241.2	279.6	252.3	273.3	285.4	240.1	211.8	242.1	231.5	232.8	262.4	260.9
Nov.	244.1	282.6	253.8	274.1	286.3	240.1	214.2	242.0	231.9	236.8	264.0	262.5
Dec.	249.9	284.6	254.8	275.2	287.7	241.2	215.9	252.1	233.1	237.8	266.0	264.4
Jan.	257.1	286.7	256.1	276.8	293.6	243.8	219.9	257.2	234.5	240.9	268.1	268.3
Feb.	264.3	288.6	259.5	281.5	297.6	247.3	238.0	258.9	234.9	251.0	273.9	273.4
Mar. p	264.6	289.6	261.8	283.0	298.9	248.5	249.4	260.8	236.4	255.2	274.2	275.0
Apr. p	269.8	290.3	263.5	286.4	299.2	248.7	259.3	271.5	238.5	259.6	275.7	277.3

(a) The Price Index of Electrical Installation Materials is used as the indicator for this group.

EXPORT PRICE INDEX NUMBERS : AUSTRALIA
(Base : Year 1959-60 = 100)

Period	Wool	Meats	Dairy produce	Cereals	Dried and canned fruits	Sugar	Hides and tallow	Metals and coal (a)	Gold	All groups (b)
1975-76	127	150	122	240	162	335	151	286	359	187
1976-77	164	169	128	219	184	314	203	330	370	206
1977-78	168	212	147	196	237	273	224	340	472	213
1977-78 -										
Jan.	166	210	147	187	246	239	209	346	488	210
Feb.	170	224	148	192	241	239	212	339	500	212
Mar.	170	227	148	197	241	267	225	339	515	214
Apr.	169	237	148	205	221	271	230	336	496	215
May	170	246	148	206	223	280	235	335	496	218
June	173	243	147	216	223	285	244	337	522	222
1978-79 -										
July	(c) 173	243	150	216	223	288	257	341	525	222
Aug.	175	246	151	227	228	272	265	348	563	226
Sept.	176	262	151	237	227	269	272	354	596	230
Oct.	176	270	152	231	233	277	276	365	627	232
Nov.	176	286	151	228	235	270	283	372	573	233
Dec.	177	301	151	227	236	280	291	384	584	238
Jan.	178	r308	153	245	r236	278	319	401	632	r245
Feb.	188	327	153	236	236	278	368	416	684	253

(a) Comprises coal, iron and steel, copper, zinc, lead and silver. Does not include iron ore, bauxite, alumina and mineral sands, which however have been included in the "All groups" index from July 1969 on. (b) As from 1969-70 "All groups" includes the following items, in addition to the specified groups: iron ore, bauxite, alumina and mineral sands. (c) Nominal.

CONSUMER (RETAIL) PRICE INDEXES, VARIOUS COUNTRIES

(Base of each index: Year 1970 = 100.0)

(Source: Monthly Bulletin of Statistics of the Statistical Office of the United Nations)

The index numbers show fluctuations in prices in each country and do not measure relative price levels as between countries.

The items priced and the levels at which they are priced in these indexes vary widely according to the intended purposes of the indexes of the various countries. A horizontal line placed above an index number (e.g. 179.3) indicates that the two series have been linked at that period.

Period	Australia (a)	Belgium (b)	Brazil (Sao Paulo) (c)	Canada	France	Federal Republic of Germany	India	Indonesia (Jakarta)	Italy	Japan	Netherlands
1975	162.8	149.5	187.9	142.5	152.8	134.7	174.5	243.8	171.1	172.4	151.3
1976	184.9	163.2	254.3	153.2	166.9	140.8	160.9	292.2	<u>199.8</u>	188.4	164.6
1977	207.6	174.8	357.3	165.4	183.2	146.3	174.5	324.4	236.6	203.6	<u>175.6</u>
1978	224.0	182.6	494.3	180.2	199.8	150.1		351.3	265.3	211.4	r182.7
1977 -											
June qtr	205.5	173.7	349.0	163.7	181.0	146.5	172.3	319.3	233.8	204.2	175.8
Sept. qtr	209.5	176.3	370.6	167.3	185.3	149.9	178.1	329.0	239.7	204.8	176.9
Dec. qtr	214.5	178.3	397.0	170.9	188.8	147.2	179.3	337.8	247.7	206.5	178.8
1978 -											
Mar. qtr	217.2	180.6	429.7	174.0	191.8	149.1	175.0	345.4	254.2	207.4	r179.2
June qtr	221.7	181.4	476.0	178.3	197.3	150.5	176.1	348.8	262.0	211.6	r181.8
Sept. qtr	226.0	183.3	520.5	182.8	202.5	150.4	n.y.a.	351.7	268.3	213.0	r184.3
Dec. qtr	231.1	185.3	560.1	185.7	206.8	150.5	n.y.a.	359.7	276.3	213.6	r185.9
Period	New Zealand	Norway	Pakistan (Karachi) (d)	Philippines (e)	Singapore (f)	South Africa (g)	Sweden	Switzerland	United Kingdom	United States of America	Malaysia (Peninsular) (h)
1975	162.8	149.5	198.2	166.9	125.5	156.7	146.6	144.8	184.4	138.6	142.2
1976	190.3	163.2	212.4	182.3	123.1	174.1	161.7	147.3	214.9	146.6	145.9
1977	217.7	178.0	233.9	200.3	127.0	193.8	180.1	149.2	249.0	156.1	152.8
1978	243.7	192.5	249.6		133.1	215.0	198.1	r150.8	269.6	167.9	
1977 -											
June qtr	214.5	176.9	230.8	196.9	124.9	191.2	177.8	148.8 ^h	248.8	r155.3	150.8
Sept. qtr	222.1	180.7	235.9	204.2	128.4	197.0	183.8	<u>149.5</u>	252.7	157.6	153.7
Dec. qtr	229.9	182.3	238.2	207.7	129.3	201.1	187.7	149.9	255.7	159.3	155.9
1978 -											
Mar. qtr	234.5	187.6	241.5	210.7	131.8	205.5	194.5	150.2	260.8	162.0	157.4
June qtr	240.7	189.2	243.5	211.1	131.8	209.4	197.2	150.8	267.9	166.2	158.8
Sept. qtr	246.7	194.8	255.4	216.3	134.4	220.6	198.9	151.0	272.6	170.1	162.0
Dec. qtr	253.1	197.1	257.8	n.y.a.	134.6	224.3	201.8	150.8	277.2	173.5	n.y.a.

(a) Consumer Price Index converted to base: 1970 = 100.0. (b) Rent is not included. (c) Beginning 1972, base: 1972 = 100.0. (d) Prior to 1972: Karachi only; industrial workers. Beginning 1972, base: 1971 = 100.0. (e) Base: 1972 = 100.0. Prior to 1976: Manila only. (f) Beginning 1974, new series, base: 1973 = 100.0. (g) White population. (h) Formerly known as West Malaysia.

WEEKLY WAGE RATES AND HOURS OF WORK

End of	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas	Australia	
							Rates	Index Nos (Base: Year 1954 = 100)
WEIGHTED AVERAGE MINIMUM WEEKLY RATES OF WAGE (a)								
Adult Males								
\$								
June -								
1975	113.31	112.73	115.83	111.01	106.35	112.59	112.78	399.3
1976	130.51	128.59	133.61	126.77	125.59	128.75	129.68	459.2
1977	144.96	142.47	147.63	140.64	141.99	142.50	143.95	509.7
1977-78								
Jan.	149.96	147.62	152.76	145.84	148.66	147.70	149.15	528.1
Feb.	152.23	149.79	155.03	148.01	150.74	149.86	151.37	536.0
Mar.	152.27	149.78	155.06	148.02	150.76	149.86	151.39	536.0
Apr.	152.22	149.80	155.06	148.00	150.79	149.86	151.37	536.0
May	152.22	149.80	155.06	147.99	150.80	149.86	151.37	536.0
June	154.10	151.77	157.05	149.85	152.59	151.77	153.29	542.8
1978-79								
July	154.12	151.77	157.05	149.85	152.62	151.79	153.30	542.8
Aug.	154.17	151.77	157.05	149.85	152.68	151.79	153.32	542.9
Sept. (b)	155.32	152.99	157.29	151.06	153.18	152.25	154.31	546.4
Oct. (b)	155.36	152.99	157.29	151.07	153.21	152.25	154.32	546.4
Nov. (b)	155.38	152.99	157.29	151.09	153.21	152.25	154.34	546.5
Dec. (b)	161.68	158.91	163.46	156.97	157.57	158.14	160.32	567.7
Jan. (b)	161.86	158.92	163.46	157.00	157.59	158.14	160.40	568.0
Feb. (b)	161.88	158.92	163.46	157.02	157.69	158.14	160.42	568.0
Adult Females								
\$								
June -								
1975	105.22	104.98	102.88	99.42	98.29	101.04	104.02	522.5
1976	120.48	120.70	122.04	120.28	115.34	116.94	120.36	604.6
1977	134.01	134.26	135.94	134.20	131.85	130.28	134.12	673.7
1977-78								
Jan.	138.78	138.97	140.76	139.06	137.29	134.91	138.91	697.8
Feb.	140.86	141.16	142.96	141.13	139.10	136.93	141.01	708.3
Mar.	140.86	141.16	142.86	141.20	139.10	136.93	141.02	708.3
Apr.	140.86	141.24	142.86	141.20	139.37	136.93	141.06	708.6
May	140.86	141.24	142.86	141.20	139.43	136.93	141.06	708.6
June	142.69	143.06	144.71	143.03	141.03	138.73	142.88	717.7
1978-79								
July	142.69	143.06	144.71	143.03	141.31	138.73	142.89	717.8
Aug.	142.86	143.06	144.71	143.03	141.31	138.73	142.96	718.1
Sept. (b)	143.15	143.29	144.77	143.41	141.36	138.80	143.19	719.3
Oct. (b)	143.15	143.29	144.77	143.41	141.64	138.80	143.21	719.4
Nov. (b)	143.15	143.29	144.77	143.41	141.64	138.80	143.21	719.4
Dec. (b)	148.87	148.97	150.54	149.12	146.59	144.34	148.88	747.8
Jan. (b)	149.46	149.03	150.54	149.12	146.80	144.34	149.16	749.2
Feb. (b)	149.46	149.03	150.54	149.12	146.81	144.34	149.16	749.2
WEIGHTED AVERAGE STANDARD WEEKLY HOURS OF WORK (c), FEBRUARY 1979								
Adult males	39.71	39.90	39.82	39.90	39.78	39.87	39.80	99.61
Adult females	39.53	39.81	39.70	39.77	39.78	39.63	39.67	100.00

(a) For a full weeks work (excluding overtime), as prescribed in awards, determinations and collective agreements. The wage rates for adult males exclude rural industry. The wage rates for adult females exclude rural industry; mining and quarrying and building and construction. Rates shown should not be regarded as actual current averages, but as indexes expressed in money terms indicative of trends. They do not measure the relative level of minimum wages as between States. Figures for the latest twelve months are subject to revision. (b) Includes supplementary payments in the Metal Industry Award, Part I. (c) The hours for adult males exclude rural industry; and shipping and stevedoring. The hours for adult females exclude rural industry; mining and quarrying; and building and construction.

NOTE: For further information regarding these statistics reference should be made to the monthly bulletin *Wage Rates* (6312.0).

AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS PER EMPLOYED MALE UNIT (a)

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<i>Period</i>	<i>N.S.W.</i>	<i>Vic.</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>S.A.</i>	<i>W.A.</i>	<i>Tas.</i>	<i>N.T.</i> <i>(b)</i>	<i>A.C.T.</i> <i>(b)</i>	<i>Aust.</i>
ORIGINAL									
1975-76	172.70	170.50	163.50	158.50	169.10	157.80	190.00	209.00	169.60
1976-77	193.60	191.10	184.50	179.50	190.80	181.20	216.70	237.70	190.70
1977-78	213.40	209.30	202.20	197.40	209.20	199.00	240.70	259.10	209.50
1977-78 —									
Sept. qtr	207.30	202.50	195.60	195.90	206.10	195.90	227.00	251.10	204.10
Dec. qtr	217.10	211.90	206.80	199.40	211.10	204.80	247.00	263.10	212.50
Mar. qtr	209.80	204.80	195.30	190.20	205.70	194.00	238.30	255.10	205.10
June qtr	219.40	217.90	211.20	203.90	213.90	201.10	250.50	266.90	216.30
1978-79 —									
Sept. qtr	223.10	218.60	209.20	206.90	218.60	205.50	250.80	271.70	218.90
Dec. qtr	233.30	232.10	220.40	212.50	224.20	216.30	263.30	283.20	228.90
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED									
1977-78 —									
Sept. qtr	208.50	204.10	196.30	194.30	205.80	195.20	230.60	250.90	204.50
Dec. qtr	210.00	201.90	198.10	193.50	206.40	195.90	237.90	258.70	205.20
Mar. qtr	215.60	213.40	205.30	196.80	212.20	201.90	243.30	259.30	213.00
June qtr	220.00	218.40	210.60	205.20	212.50	204.20	253.50	266.50	215.60
1978-79 —									
Sept. qtr	226.00	222.00	211.50	207.70	219.90	206.40	254.10	269.80	220.60
Dec. qtr	225.90	222.00	212.90	206.90	219.20	206.40	255.10	274.50	221.00

(a) Particulars of wages and salaries paid are not available for males and females separately: estimates have therefore been calculated in terms of male units, i.e. total male employees plus a proportion of female employees, the proportion being derived from the estimated ratio of female to male average earnings in each State. The ratio used in the current quarter for Australia is approximately 67 per cent. For further details on the separate State ratios see *Average Weekly Earnings* (6302.0). (b) Original series estimates have been calculated on a basis which excludes the effects of varying numbers of Australian Government pay-days in each quarter.

For a more detailed explanation of the methods used, see *Average Weekly Earnings* (6302.0).

BUILDING, ETC.

SUMMARY OF BUILDING APPROVED, AUSTRALIA : ORIGINAL AND SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

Period	New dwellings							
	Private			Government		Total		
	Number ('000)					Number ('000)		
	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Value (\$m)	Number ('000)	Value (\$m)	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Value (\$m)
1975-76	134,205	...	3,007.2	11,908	249.6	146,113	...	3,256.8
1976-77	127,300	...	3,227.8	14,074	313.1	141,374	...	3,540.9
1977-78	110,823	...	3,040.2	12,949	310.1	123,772	...	3,350.3
1977-78								
Feb.	7,962	9,018	219.3	782	18.3	8,744	9,799	237.6
Mar.	9,151	9,203	249.6	911	21.1	10,062	10,184	270.7
Apr.	8,760	8,846	244.3	1,270	29.6	10,030	10,043	273.9
May	9,721	8,729	271.9	1,344	31.8	11,065	9,703	303.7
June	9,693	8,917	272.1	1,352	32.8	11,045	9,877	304.9
1978-79								
July	8,738	8,600	248.7	626	15.1	9,364	9,330	263.8
Aug.	9,724	8,893	277.4	666	15.0	10,390	9,913	292.4
Sept.	9,501	9,379	265.7	401	9.6	9,902	9,896	275.3
Oct.	10,485	9,951	295.5	619	17.8	11,104	10,569	313.3
Nov.	10,512	9,883	304.9	882	21.5	11,394	10,585	326.4
Dec.	9,038	10,434	262.1	744	18.4	9,782	11,137	280.4
Jan.	7,421	9,203	215.1	721	19.1	8,142	10,304	234.2
Feb.	9,087	10,298	261.6	689	16.9	9,776	10,960	278.6
Mar.	10,775	10,050	307.0	1,081	27.2	11,856	11,105	334.2

Period	Alterations and additions (b) to dwellings		Other building (a)				Total building	
			Original		Seasonally adjusted			
	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Private	Total	Total		Original	Seasonally adjusted
	Value (\$ million)							
1975-76	211.1	...	945.7	1,931.7	...		5,399.6	...
1976-77	250.6	...	1,147.9	2,210.5	...		6,002.0	...
1977-78	292.1	...	1,392.5	2,494.1	...		6,136.6	...
1977-78								
Feb.	20.7	23.8	107.2	176.6	205.3		434.9	495.1
Mar.	24.0	26.2	116.6	205.6	215.4		500.2	535.3
Apr.	25.1	27.0	119.6	219.9	209.0		518.9	513.6
May	26.9	25.5	149.9	231.7	197.5		562.3	482.9
June	25.9	25.2	117.4	254.8	208.4		585.5	504.7
1978-79								
July	23.8	23.7	114.9	181.0	187.9		468.6	451.8
Aug.	28.8	25.1	146.9	251.9	263.6		573.1	589.9
Sept.	29.4	26.4	155.8	218.2	231.4		522.8	522.8
Oct.	31.2	27.1	150.2	238.1	219.8		582.5	545.4
Nov.	28.3	26.0	138.2	225.5	222.3		580.2	553.8
Dec.	22.6	26.9	104.9	157.1	169.7		460.1	516.1
Jan.	22.3	25.7	97.3	182.5	221.4		439.1	531.8
Feb.	23.5	27.0	150.3	248.0	290.4		550.0	628.9
Mar.	28.5	30.3	139.3	219.7	202.7		582.4	575.8

(a) Comprises other building (new plus alterations and additions) valued at \$10,000 and over. (b) Valued at \$10,000 and over.

NOTE: The value of alterations and additions to dwellings, valued at \$2,000 - \$9,999 approved in March 1979 was \$28.3m

BUILDING JOBS APPROVED

Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
NUMBERS OF NEW DWELLINGS									
1975-76	32,133	39,398	24,609	16,815	21,387	4,436	2,793	4,542	146,113
1976-77	36,798	36,626	25,673	14,392	19,062	4,402	1,579	2,842	141,374
1977-78	37,735	28,551	24,982	9,533	15,899	3,689	1,338	2,045	123,772
1977-78									
Feb.	2,586	2,217	1,759	560	1,220	276	22	104	8,744
Mar.	2,838	2,491	2,318	759	1,188	307	65	106	10,062
Apr.	3,204	2,477	1,702	836	1,303	287	83	138	10,030
May	3,271	2,935	2,079	778	1,327	304	123	248	11,065
June	3,598	2,300	2,308	719	1,448	360	192	120	11,045
1978-79									
July	2,977	2,006	1,907	765	1,182	288	150	89	9,364
Aug.	3,452	2,157	2,149	689	1,286	300	116	241	10,390
Sept.	3,272	2,176	2,088	614	1,153	316	79	204	9,902
Oct.	3,691	2,420	2,583	551	1,182	350	193	134	11,104
Nov.	3,499	2,542	2,498	977	1,236	324	72	246	11,394
Dec.	3,509	2,069	2,018	641	1,042	217	118	168	9,782
Jan.	2,735	1,773	1,687	517	1,006	223	39	162	8,142
Feb.	3,252	2,054	2,115	517	1,267	277	99	195	9,776
Mar.	3,687	2,327	(a)3,201	565	1,565	294	117	100	11,856

VALUE OF NEW DWELLINGS (\$m)

1975-76	704.0	907.2	508.7	360.2	438.5	101.5	97.2	139.4	3,256.8
1976-77	890.1	962.0	613.0	356.0	469.0	110.5	52.3	87.8	3,540.9
1977-78	1,016.9	824.9	621.2	259.4	423.1	96.1	46.0	62.7	3,350.3
1977-78									
Feb.	69.6	63.2	43.5	15.9	34.3	6.7	0.9	3.5	237.6
Mar.	78.2	68.4	57.8	20.3	32.7	7.8	2.1	3.3	270.7
Apr.	87.4	72.0	42.5	22.7	34.7	7.6	2.8	4.2	273.9
May	90.4	83.4	53.4	21.1	35.4	8.3	4.0	7.6	303.7
June	99.6	66.6	59.3	20.8	38.7	9.6	6.5	3.7	304.9
1978-79									
July	84.8	60.4	49.9	21.2	32.0	7.6	4.3	3.6	263.8
Aug.	97.5	62.9	57.0	18.7	36.5	8.0	3.6	8.1	292.4
Sept.	92.0	63.9	52.2	18.0	31.5	8.8	2.4	6.6	275.3
Oct.	105.2	73.6	68.6	16.1	31.5	9.2	4.7	4.3	313.3
Nov.	101.4	75.0	68.5	27.6	34.8	9.1	2.2	7.8	326.4
Dec.	99.4	61.6	57.6	18.4	29.0	6.7	3.7	4.0	280.4
Jan.	84.2	51.2	44.1	15.4	27.2	6.1	1.0	5.0	234.2
Feb.	94.7	60.8	56.4	15.0	34.8	8.1	2.7	5.9	278.6
Mar.	108.3	70.4	82.2	17.1	41.2	8.2	3.7	3.2	334.2

VALUE OF ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS TO DWELLINGS (\$m) (b)

1975-76	77.2	53.2	11.3	12.2	10.2	2.3	35.2	9.6	211.1
1976-77	94.0	77.6	16.5	18.1	16.2	3.9	15.4	8.8	250.6
1977-78	116.2	88.4	17.4	20.0	24.7	4.8	12.6	7.9	292.1
1977-78									
Feb.	8.5	6.2	0.9	1.4	2.4	0.4	0.5	0.4	20.7
Mar.	9.6	7.1	1.3	2.0	2.1	0.4	1.0	0.5	24.0
Apr.	10.3	7.9	1.6	1.6	2.2	0.4	0.5	0.7	25.1
May	10.9	8.3	1.9	1.7	2.3	0.6	0.3	0.9	26.9
June	10.8	7.3	1.7	1.9	2.0	0.4	1.0	0.6	25.9
1978-79									
July	9.6	6.8	1.5	2.0	2.5	0.3	0.5	0.6	23.8
Aug.	12.4	8.2	1.8	1.9	2.8	0.5	0.2	1.1	28.8
Sept.	12.5	8.7	1.8	1.8	2.7	0.6	0.6	0.7	29.4
Oct.	13.3	9.0	2.0	2.2	2.9	0.5	0.5	0.8	31.2
Nov.	12.8	7.6	1.5	1.8	3.0	0.6	0.4	0.7	28.3
Dec.	9.7	6.7	1.2	1.6	2.5	0.2	0.2	0.4	22.6
Jan.	10.6	5.5	0.9	1.6	2.4	0.4	0.3	0.7	22.3
Feb.	10.2	6.8	1.2	1.7	2.2	0.4	0.1	0.8	23.5
Mar.	12.5	8.7	1.5	1.8	3.1	0.3	0.2	0.4	28.5

(a) Increase over February consisted of 241 houses and 845 other dwellings. (b) Valued at \$10,000 and over.

BUILDING JOBS APPROVED - continued

Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Inst.
VALUE OF OTHER BUILDING (\$m)									
1975-76	554.1	512.8	370.5	154.9	182.5	54.8	41.7	60.2	1,931.7
1976-77	618.4	536.2	324.3	284.8	214.7	86.1	59.5	86.5	2,210.5
1977-78	669.8	696.7	426.8	201.3	268.3	86.8	64.2	80.3	2,494.1
1977-78 -									
Feb.	52.9	54.3	28.1	8.4	24.0	6.5	1.1	1.3	176.6
Mar.	53.2	57.6	49.5	12.5	16.4	5.8	3.7	6.8	205.6
Apr.	47.7	76.9	41.9	19.5	19.5	10.3	1.4	2.7	219.9
May	60.7	40.1	59.3	17.0	34.2	11.1	5.0	4.3	231.7
June	81.2	86.2	31.2	12.3	21.1	9.7	9.7	3.5	254.8
1978-79 -									
July	45.9	69.1	26.1	16.6	16.7	2.2	1.4	3.1	181.0
Aug.	63.7	62.8	80.7	17.5	15.7	6.0	0.8	4.8	251.9
Sept.	66.7	70.9	27.7	13.3	29.5	4.8	3.5	1.8	218.2
Oct.	76.8	65.2	39.0	12.3	17.3	15.0	1.2	11.4	238.1
Nov.	61.6	80.6	26.8	17.3	22.5	7.0	2.9	6.8	225.5
Dec.	47.4	39.5	34.2	11.2	21.1	2.3	1.0	0.4	157.1
Jan.	60.1	51.3	32.5	10.0	18.4	5.3	2.0	2.9	182.5
Feb.	75.1	59.9	52.8	19.6	25.4	5.0	2.8	7.5	248.0
Mar.	85.1	57.9	27.9	18.2	20.8	4.5	1.5	3.9	219.7

VALUE OF TOTAL BUILDING (\$m)

Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Inst.
1975-76	1,335.4	1,473.2	890.5	527.3	631.1	158.7	174.1	209.2	5,399.6
1976-77	1,602.5	1,575.8	953.9	659.0	700.0	200.6	127.2	183.1	6,002.0
1977-78	1,802.9	1,610.0	1,065.4	480.7	716.2	187.7	122.8	150.9	6,136.6
1977-78 -									
Feb.	131.0	123.8	72.5	25.7	60.8	13.5	2.5	5.2	434.9
Mar.	141.0	133.2	108.6	34.8	51.1	14.0	6.8	10.7	500.2
Apr.	145.4	156.8	86.0	43.8	56.3	18.3	4.7	7.5	518.9
May	162.1	131.9	114.5	39.8	71.9	20.0	9.3	12.7	562.3
June	191.6	160.1	92.2	35.0	61.8	19.7	17.3	7.8	585.5
1978-79 -									
July	140.3	136.3	77.5	39.8	51.1	10.1	6.2	7.2	468.6
Aug.	173.6	133.9	139.5	38.1	55.0	14.5	4.6	14.0	573.1
Sept.	171.2	143.5	81.7	33.0	63.7	14.2	6.5	9.1	522.8
Oct.	195.3	147.8	109.6	30.6	51.6	24.7	6.4	16.5	582.5
Nov.	175.8	163.2	96.8	46.6	60.3	16.7	5.5	15.3	580.2
Dec.	156.5	107.8	93.0	31.2	52.6	9.1	4.9	4.9	460.1
Jan.	154.8	108.0	77.5	27.0	48.0	11.8	3.3	8.6	439.1
Feb.	180.0	127.5	110.5	36.4	62.5	13.4	5.6	14.2	550.0
Mar.	205.8	136.9	111.5	37.2	65.1	13.0	5.3	7.5	582.4

NUMBER AND VALUE OF BUILDING COMMENCED : AUSTRALIA

Value (\$ million)									
Period	Number of new dwellings				New dwellings	Alterations and additions (a) to dwellings	Other building		Total building
	Houses	Other dwellings	Private	Total			Private	Total	
ORIGINAL									
1975-76	106,559	30,499	123,766	137,058	3,124.4	206.1	963.7	1,907.8	5,238.2
1976-77	108,841	32,876	126,429	141,717	3,665.0	266.4	1,224.0	2,253.3	6,184.6
1977-78	93,971	24,725	105,496	118,696	3,365.0	298.7	1,492.0	2,541.4	6,205.0
1977-78 -									
Sept. qtr	25,814	7,275	29,765	33,089	919.4	72.8	343.6	603.8	1,596.0
Dec. qtr	21,901	5,678	24,575	27,579	777.3	73.0	377.5	632.7	1,483.0
Mar. qtr	22,046	5,440	24,289	27,486	791.9	70.6	356.6	602.1	1,464.6
June qtr	24,210	6,332	26,867	30,542	876.4	82.2	414.4	702.8	1,661.5
1978-79 -									
Sept. qtr	23,095	5,987	26,343	29,082	875.7	76.3	396.9	721.0	1,672.9
Dec. qtr	21,763	5,060	25,109	26,823	807.2	74.2	446.4	700.8	1,582.0

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

Period	(a)				(b)			
	Houses	Other dwellings	Private	Total	New dwellings	Other building	Private	Total building
1977-78 -								
Sept. qtr	24,804	6,771	28,529	31,473	866.7	72.8	343.6	586.4
Dec. qtr	23,299	6,113	25,896	29,264	827.5	73.0	377.5	684.9
Mar. qtr	22,617	5,750	25,135	28,337	818.3	70.6	356.6	632.6
June qtr	23,180	6,040	25,818	29,490	850.1	82.2	414.4	642.8
1978-79 -								
Sept. qtr	22,190	5,550	25,232	27,630	824.1	76.3	396.9	697.3
Dec. qtr	23,144	5,439	26,439	28,466	858.9	74.2	446.4	758.9

NUMBER AND VALUE OF BUILDING COMPLETED : AUSTRALIA

NUMBER AND VALUE OF BUILDINGS COMPLETED AUSTRALIA									
Period	Number of new dwellings				Value (\$ million)				
	Houses	Other dwellings	Private	Total	New dwellings	Alterations and additions (a) to dwellings	Other building		Total building
							Private	Total	
ORIGINAL									
1975-76	99,903	32,123	112,300	132,026	2,808.6	169.8	1,249.6	2,266.6	5,245.0
1976-77	110,423	34,365	129,568	144,788	3,635.1	252.5	1,336.4	2,446.5	6,334.1
1977-78	100,117	28,819	114,337	128,936	3,595.6	285.1	1,534.4	2,603.6	6,484.3
1977-78 -									
Sept. qtr	26,905	7,487	30,261	34,392	927.6	69.4	355.5	641.2	1,638.1
Dec. qtr	26,825	8,362	30,768	35,187	982.7	75.2	385.1	677.3	1,735.1
Mar. qtr	21,922	6,308	25,621	28,230	799.1	66.4	366.7	600.0	1,465.6
June qtr	24,465	6,662	27,687	31,127	886.3	74.2	427.1	685.0	1,645.5
1978-79 -									
Sept. qtr	22,615	6,110	25,618	28,725	850.7	73.6	400.2	625.5	1,549.8
Dec. qtr	24,996	7,160	28,787	32,156	968.4	76.6	423.3	781.6	1,826.6
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED									
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1977-78									
Sept. qtr	26,694	7,728	30,329	34,353	922.5	68.2	363.8	654.5	1,646.2
Dec. qtr	24,703	7,785	28,570	32,555	906.3	69.5	354.2	636.5	1,607.0
Mar. qtr	24,750	7,111	28,250	31,859	898.6	72.7	395.7	633.4	1,601.6
June qtr	23,977	6,219	27,188	30,167	868.0	75.1	423.8	678.3	1,628.6
1978-79 -									
Sept. qtr	22,413	6,311	25,655	28,662	845.9	72.2	407.6	637.3	1,556.1
Dec. qtr	23,024	6,672	26,745	29,767	8,933	70.9	390.2	737.1	1,694.6

(a) Valued at \$10,000 and over.

VALUE OF WORK DONE : AUSTRALIA
(\$ million)

New dwellings				Alterations and additions (a) to dwellings	Other building		Total building
Period	Houses	Other dwellings	Total		Private	Total	
ORIGINAL							
1975-76	2,488.6	567.1	3,055.7	190.7	1,214.3	2,348.5	5,595.0
1976-77	3,040.8	676.4	3,717.2	263.3	1,343.9	2,464.9	6,445.5
1977-78	2,925.1	609.2	3,534.3	295.2	1,489.5	2,680.4	6,509.9
1977-78							
Sept. qtr	788.2	168.3	956.5	72.1	375.0	668.3	1,696.9
Dec. qtr	731.0	153.5	884.6	76.0	366.8	675.0	1,635.5
Mar. qtr	669.1	140.7	809.7	68.2	346.8	605.4	1,483.3
June qtr	736.8	146.7	883.5	79.0	401.0	731.8	1,694.2
1978-79							
Sept. qtr	726.8	154.4	881.2	74.9	427.6	747.2	1,703.2
Dec. qtr	749.4	156.9	906.3	78.3	442.1	759.9	1,744.5
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED							
1977-78							
Sept. qtr	753.3	159.7	913.3	71.1	354.9	641.5	1,627.1
Dec. qtr	726.9	150.5	877.6	72.3	367.5	662.8	1,612.1
Mar. qtr	720.5	150.9	872.7	73.5	378.5	667.5	1,613.0
June qtr	722.8	147.6	868.9	78.4	398.0	707.5	1,655.1
1978-79							
Sept. qtr	694.6	146.4	841.1	73.8	405.3	718.7	1,634.1
Dec. qtr	745.2	153.8	899.1	74.6	443.4	746.3	1,719.4

(a) Valued at \$10,000 and over.

NUMBER AND VALUE OF BUILDING, SEPTEMBER QUARTER 1978

State or Territory	Commenced		Completed		Under construction		Value of work done during period		Value of work yet to be done	
	Private	Total	Private	Total	Private	Total	Private	Total	Private	Total
NUMBER OF NEW DWELLINGS										
N.S.W.	8,117	8,871	7,562	8,338	14,521	18,528				
Vic.	6,019	6,593	6,627	6,990	16,547	18,159				
Qld	5,697	5,991	5,725	6,136	6,464	6,944				
S.A.	1,535	1,906	1,579	2,279	3,063	4,374				
W.A.	3,595	3,844	2,932	3,257	5,630	5,934				
Tas.	652	875	611	862	1,912	2,340				
N.T.	154	428	117	322	498	1,030				
A.C.T.	574	574	465	541	956	1,159				
Aust.	26,343	29,082	25,618	28,725	49,591	58,468				
VALUE OF NEW HOUSES (\$ m)										
N.S.W.	228.4	238.0	186.2	192.4	363.5	386.3	207.8	216.3	187.6	198.8
Vic.	162.1	172.1	184.1	190.4	449.7	477.8	181.2	191.1	225.0	235.9
Qld	127.3	131.0	129.0	138.5	133.9	141.4	129.7	135.5	68.3	71.1
S.A.	42.5	48.1	45.3	59.3	78.8	97.9	44.8	55.7	40.6	48.6
W.A.	85.0	88.2	70.3	77.3	134.9	137.8	79.1	83.9	67.1	68.4
Tas.	16.0	19.6	14.7	18.1	43.3	48.7	16.3	19.8	21.5	24.2
N.T.	4.0	11.7	4.5	10.1	15.5	30.7	4.2	9.3	7.7	15.5
A.C.T.	14.9	14.9	14.4	14.7	23.2	24.7	14.5	15.0	12.4	12.8
Aust.	680.3	723.7	648.5	700.8	1,242.9	1,345.2	677.6	726.8	630.0	675.3
VALUE OF NEW DWELLINGS (\$ m)										
N.S.W.	252.1	269.6	223.1	241.1	444.2	538.7	239.7	262.4	228.1	274.5
Vic.	190.2	202.7	210.5	217.9	529.7	565.0	209.1	221.3	264.2	277.8
Qld	170.0	179.5	165.0	175.6	205.6	219.5	167.2	174.6	110.0	117.9
S.A.	47.9	57.4	49.8	68.5	99.6	134.0	51.4	67.6	52.0	66.1
W.A.	103.8	109.8	86.4	95.1	173.5	180.4	95.2	101.6	87.5	91.4
Tas.	18.8	24.0	18.2	23.6	54.3	63.5	19.5	24.8	26.9	31.3
N.T.	5.3	14.4	5.1	11.6	18.7	35.8	5.0	10.6	9.4	18.7
A.C.T.	18.2	18.2	15.2	17.4	32.3	37.9	16.8	18.2	17.6	19.1
Aust.	806.4	875.7	773.4	850.7	1,557.9	1,774.9	803.9	881.2	795.6	896.9
VALUE OF ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS (a) TO DWELLINGS (\$ m)										
N.S.W.	32.0	32.1	25.9	26.0	42.9	43.0	28.7	28.8	21.4	21.4
Vic.	20.6	20.6	23.3	23.3	44.5	44.5	22.3	22.3	21.6	21.6
Qld	7.0	7.1	6.4	6.4	2.3	2.5	6.8	6.8	1.1	1.2
S.A.	4.7	4.8	4.3	4.3	5.1	5.1	4.6	4.6	2.5	2.5
W.A.	7.0	7.0	6.4	6.4	7.9	8.0	6.7	6.8	4.1	4.1
Tas.	1.1	1.1	0.8	0.8	1.6	1.6	0.9	0.9	0.7	0.7
N.T.	1.2	1.8	2.5	4.3	7.3	8.0	1.9	2.8	3.6	3.9
A.C.T.	1.9	1.9	2.0	2.0	2.9	2.9	1.9	1.9	1.4	1.4
Aust.	75.5	76.3	71.6	73.6	114.6	115.7	73.7	74.9	56.3	56.9
VALUE OF OTHER BUILDING (\$ m)										
N.S.W.	118.1	220.0	125.7	183.3	420.5	999.9	130.8	214.4	186.7	449.0
Vic.	119.0	201.7	117.9	186.2	438.8	896.6	117.2	192.2	212.1	442.9
Qld	90.9	148.2	62.4	97.4	119.7	417.2	72.7	114.1	69.5	227.5
S.A.	18.8	50.9	28.7	47.4	92.2	224.2	32.0	60.9	44.9	103.0
W.A.	35.7	61.5	42.2	60.2	108.7	304.9	52.4	90.4	38.7	120.9
Tas.	8.6	20.0	10.5	12.9	23.5	103.1	10.7	24.0	10.7	51.3
N.T.	2.5	9.8	2.7	9.7	16.4	111.3	3.4	16.0	8.4	38.8
A.C.T.	3.4	8.8	10.2	28.4	38.6	285.6	8.4	35.2	7.4	112.9
Aust.	396.9	721.0	400.2	625.5	1,258.4	3,342.9	427.6	747.2	578.2	1,546.3
TOTAL VALUE OF BUILDING (\$ m)										
N.S.W.	402.2	521.8	374.7	450.4	907.6	1,581.7	399.1	505.6	436.1	744.9
Vic.	329.8	425.0	351.7	427.4	1,013.1	1,506.2	348.6	435.8	497.8	742.3
Qld	268.0	334.8	233.8	279.5	327.6	639.2	246.7	295.5	180.5	346.5
S.A.	71.5	113.1	82.9	120.2	196.9	363.4	88.0	133.1	99.4	171.6
W.A.	146.5	178.4	135.0	161.7	290.0	493.3	154.3	198.8	130.3	216.4
Tas.	28.4	45.1	29.5	37.3	79.4	168.2	31.1	49.7	38.4	83.4
N.T.	9.0	26.0	10.3	25.6	42.4	155.1	10.3	29.4	21.3	61.4
A.C.T.	23.5	28.9	27.4	47.7	73.8	326.4	27.1	55.3	26.4	133.4
Aust.	1,278.8	1,672.9	1,245.2	1,549.8	2,930.9	5,233.5	1,305.2	1,703.2	1,430.2	2,500.0

(a) Valued at \$10,000 and over.

NEW FIXED CAPITAL EXPENDITURE BY PRIVATE ENTERPRISES, SELECTED INDUSTRIES AND TYPE OF ASSET: AUSTRALIA (\$ million)

These statistics are designed primarily to measure trends in expenditure by private enterprises, on new fixed tangible assets. The statistics in this table differ somewhat from the item *Gross fixed capital expenditure* in the table on page 36 of this publication as a result of the different methods of compilation of the two sets of statistics.

Quarter	ASIC Subdivision									
	Manufacturing									
	Mining (11-16)	Food, beverages and tobacco (21-22)	Textiles, clothing and footwear (23-24)	Paper, paper products, printing and publishing (26)	Chemicals, petroleum and coal products (27)	Basic metal products (29)	Transport equipment (32)	Fabricated metal products (a) (31-33)	Other (b) (25, 28, 34)	Total (21-34)
1977-78 —										
Sept.	154.2	113.6	12.4	30.0	81.7	58.2	48.3	59.0	80.1	483.3
Dec.	230.4	123.3	13.0	38.4	84.1	72.9	56.6	70.4	82.7	541.4
Mar.	174.8	121.0	9.2	28.5	70.2	53.2	55.0	73.6	86.0	496.7
June	244.7	130.2	21.9	43.5	90.1	73.1	59.4	69.7	94.5	582.4
1978-79 —										
Sept.	267.0	108.1	13.9	42.9	106.8	68.0	71.4	57.8	96.8	565.7
Dec.	303.4	129.3	23.3	50.0	135.1	91.5	54.3	85.2	90.5	659.2

Quarter	ASIC Subdivision									
	Other industries					Type of asset				
	Finance etc. (c)	Electricity, gas and water	Wholesale trade	Retail trade	Transport	Other non-manufacturing (d)	Total other industries (e) (36, 37, 40-56, 91-93)	Total new fixed capital expenditure (c)	New buildings and structures (f)	Other new capital equipment (g)
								Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original
	(61-63)	(36, 37)	(46, 47)	(48)	(51-55)	(56, 40-56, 91-93)	(36, 37, 40-56, 91-93)	(11-37, 46-63, 91-93)	Original	Seasonally adjusted
1977-78 —										
Sept.	554.0	6.2	124.3	149.2	62.2	63.2	405.1	1,596.6	1,600.9	491.9
Dec.	565.5	6.6	152.7	123.5	102.4	94.8	480.0	1,817.3	1,682.7	554.3
Mar.	504.5	3.9	105.6	93.3	72.1	58.4	333.3	1,509.3	1,766.2	397.8
June	732.0	5.5	148.0	169.5	106.4	76.7	506.1	2,065.2	1,932.8	517.1
1978-79 —										
Sept.	717.1	3.2	127.7	124.2	91.1	81.0	427.2	1,977.0	1,983.3	523.3
Dec.	764.4	6.8	160.0	188.8	105.5	138.2	599.3	2,326.3	2,154.4	660.5

(a) Fabricated metal products, other industrial machinery and equipment and household appliances. (b) Wood, wood products and furniture (except sheet metal), glass, clay and other non-metallic mineral products, leather, rubber and plastic products and other manufacturing, n.e.c. (c) Finance, insurance, real estate and business services. (d) Communication, entertainment, recreation, restaurants, hotels and personal services. (e) Excludes enterprises classified to agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, community services and construction. (f) Includes houses, flats and home units, water and sewerage installations, lifts, heating, ventilating and similar equipment forming an integral part of buildings and structures, land and construction site development, roads, bridges, wharves, harbours, railway lines, pipelines, power and telephone lines. Also included is the value of expenditure on mine development (e.g. construction of shafts in underground mines, preparation of mining and quarrying sites for open-cut extraction, other developmental operations undertaken primarily for commencing or extending production). (g) Includes plant, machinery, vehicles, electrical apparatus, office equipment, furniture, fixtures and fittings not forming an integral part of buildings, durable containers, special tooling, etc. also includes goods imported from overseas whether previously used outside Australia or not.

INCREASE IN BOOK VALUE OF STOCKS HELD BY PRIVATE ENTERPRISES: AUSTRALIA (\$ million)

These statistics are designed primarily to measure trends in investment in stocks by private enterprises. The statistics in this table differ somewhat from the item *Increase in stocks* in the table on page 36 as a result of the different methods of compilation of these two sets of statistics.

Quarter	Increase in book value of stocks for selected ASIC subdivisions					Total (11, 36, 46, 48, 92)	Less stock valuation adjustment (b)	Increase in stocks after stock valuation adjustment (b)
	Mining (11-16)	Manufacturing (21-34)	Wholesale trade (46, 47)	Retail trade (48)	Other (a) (36, 92)			
1977-78 —								
Sept.	+59	+253	+55	+220	+6	+593	+368	+225
Dec.	+46	+99	+174	+1	+6	+128	+312	+104
Mar.	+1	+161	+76	+15	+3	+256	+294	+38
June	+12	+193	+100	+85	+24	+366	+335	+31
1978-79 —								
Sept.	+2	+186	+93	+205	+4	+486	+443	+39
Dec.	-26	+39	+282	+92	+19	+486	+431	+25

(a) Includes electricity and gas, restaurants, hotels and clubs. (b) Informants are asked to report the book value of their stocks at the end of each quarter according to their normal principles of valuing stocks for balance sheet purposes. Increases in the book value of stocks between the beginning and end of a quarter will partly reflect changes in the physical quantities of all component items and partly changes in prices at which stocks are valued. A stock valuation adjustment is deducted from the increase in book value of stocks to arrive at the increase in stocks valued at the average price of the quarter.

PRODUCTION

MINE PRODUCTION OF SELECTED MINERALS : AUSTRALIA

Period	Copper (a)	Lead (a)	Zinc (a)	Tin (a)	Nickel (a)	Bauxite	Iron ore	Gold (a) (b)	Mineral sands concentrates		
									Ilmenite	Rutile	Zircon
	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	kg	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes
1975-76	217,439	395,633	481,610	9,442	81,030	21,084	92,672	17,422	948,792	362,769	384,823
1976-77	211,215	416,291	475,488	10,340	82,088	25,469	95,602	15,305	1,048,217	380,684	420,186
1977-78	221,077	414,991	482,469	11,364	87,144	24,826	90,261	21,321	1,153,407	279,732	373,926
1977-78											
Jan.	16,448	22,892	25,906	1,001	22,046	5,754	20,257	1,455	73,590	13,514	15,927
Feb.	15,253	32,054	42,062	906				1,686	84,409	17,451	22,836
Mar.	17,964	34,022	37,767	1,017				2,090	96,812	26,872	30,044
Apr.	18,329	28,772	32,515	1,032				1,510	102,365	21,882	29,999
May	20,052	32,243	39,187	963	19,486	5,972	19,257	1,536	96,822	23,808	34,184
June	17,350	36,126	45,149	1,010				1,590	134,348	26,915	37,087
1978-79											
July	17,016	35,205	41,265	1,029	20,633	5,829	21,692	1,820	109,885	22,303	36,716
Aug.	20,594	40,611	48,505	982				2,306	105,316	20,904	37,506
Sept.	20,623	36,734	43,156	938				1,589	106,396	20,825	40,247
Oct.	19,837	35,558	39,381	960				1,630	103,785	21,183	36,360
Nov.	17,915	40,692	45,206	993	18,785	6,737	20,020	1,420	106,023	23,021	37,236
Dec.	16,885	25,451	30,092	887				1,425	91,908	22,607	36,886
Jan.	17,342	25,682	27,088	844				1,334	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.
Feb.	16,925	34,448	35,399	757				1,825	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.

(a) Quantities shown are metallic contents of mine products based on chemical assay. (b) Western Australian and Northern Territory gold production figures (in respect of major producers) normally relate to a four-week period ending in the calendar month indicated. However, two such periods ended in the calendar month of March 1978 for Western Australia and August 1978 for the Northern Territory.

PRODUCTION OF SELECTED MINERALS AND METALS : AUSTRALIA

Period	Fuel minerals					Refined metals (a)						
	Black coal		Brown coal	Crude oil	Natural gas	Alumina (b)	Aluminium (b)	Copper (b)	Lead (b) (c)	Zinc (b)	Tin (b)	Gold (b)
	Original	Seasonally adjusted										
	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 kl	million cu m	'000 tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	kg
1975-76	69,466		29,212	23,891	5,388	5,619	220,027	164,279	168,183	204,534	5,386	12,829
1976-77	75,678		31,028	24,855	6,365	6,474	236,943	157,452	165,582	258,564	5,373	11,127
1977-78	78,919		30,504	25,323	6,953	6,741	259,592	155,353	207,939	261,565	5,993	17,869
1977-78												
Jan.	4,721	6,927	2,265	2,218	478	575	22,206	11,767	18,084	21,963	336	1,380
Feb.	6,704	6,540	2,307	1,985	488	492	20,041	12,941	14,129	19,131	469	1,451
Mar.	6,101	6,833	2,944	2,231	541	542	21,961	14,011	14,862	22,305	496	1,727
Apr.	6,596	6,398	2,628	2,014	556	553	21,523	14,652	15,336	22,313	460	1,381
May	8,249	6,864	3,045	2,102	631	574	22,496	14,845	16,180	24,547	395	1,168
June	6,116	5,529	3,021	2,142	692	532	21,520	13,303	17,534	22,872	629	1,214
1978-79												
July	6,167	6,090	3,182	2,132	760	568	22,487	13,935	19,302	27,781	225	1,706
Aug.	6,998	7,219	3,034	2,167	725	569	22,349	11,007	18,306	27,315	427	1,243
Sept.	6,910	6,925	2,735	1,947	665	597	21,710	12,867	15,336	26,063	566	2,018
Oct.	7,884	7,016	2,746	2,001	624	605	22,484	12,385	18,686	25,729	356	1,243
Nov.	8,437	7,009	2,492	2,092	581	555	22,325	11,876	17,887	26,189	179	912
Dec.	4,996	6,315	2,470	2,157	546	614	22,259	9,043	18,377	25,954	591	1,202
Jan.	4,565	6,285	2,318	2,128	523	619	22,323	12,180	17,909	24,371	303	1,481
Feb.	7,242	7,045	2,212	1,874	532	549	20,142	9,289	17,938	23,352	402	1,223

(a) Primary origin only. (b) Source: Bureau of Mineral Resources. (c) Refined lead including lead content of lead alloys from primary sources; excludes lead content of lead silver bullion produced for export.

PRODUCTION OF ENERGY, IRON AND STEEL AND BUILDING MATERIALS : AUSTRALIA

Period	Heat, light and power				Iron and steel				
	Gas available for issue through mains (a)		Total electricity generated		Pig iron		Iron ore pellets (b)	Raw steel (c)	
	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted		Original	Seasonally adjusted
	million megajoules	million megajoules	million kWh	million kWh	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes
1975-76	203,623	..	76,597	..	7,519	..	9,980	7,937	..
1976-77	231,882	..	82,522	..	6,958	..	9,761	7,473	..
1977-78	258,789	..	85,984	..	7,096	..	9,299	7,532	..
1977-78p									
Feb.	18,284	22,028	6,420	7,262	597	633	607	603	651
Mar.	20,226	22,174	7,098	7,423	673	650	898	675	651
Apr.	20,903	22,425	6,864	7,313	613	631	741	573	617
May	23,768	22,514	7,676	7,275	651	632	613	706	670
June	26,323	22,761	8,070	7,355	646	656	748	694	731
1978-79									
July	28,038	23,063	8,555	7,484	594	602	591	627	633
Aug.	26,776	22,145	8,386	7,461	599	581	688	551	548
Sept.	22,886	21,231	7,553	7,370	577	579	1,007	593	586
Oct.	22,622	21,724	7,398	7,397	626	617	877	660	617
Nov.	22,404	24,239	7,112	7,539	573	601	1,024	597	617
Dec.	19,795	23,298	6,886	7,487	596	591	1,066	641	636
Jan.	18,839	23,712	7,077	7,779	631	614	856	664	641
Feb.	18,892	22,763	6,820	7,710	586	619	698	596	643
Mar.	27,970	30,894	7,427	7,639	649	621	n.y.a.	638	606
Period	Iron and steel - continued				Building materials				
	Blooms and slabs		Tinplate		Clay bricks		Roofing tiles (terracotta and concrete)	Sawn Aust. grown timber (d)	
	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted			
	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	million	million	'000	'000 cu. metres	
1975-76	5,566	..	282,241	..	1,834	..	218,645	3,462	
1976-77	6,028	..	340,556	..	2,042	..	229,892	3,468	
1977-78	6,517	..	333,026	..	1,895	..	204,702	3,538	
1977-78p									
Feb.	522	561	28,341	32,164	156	160	16,684	306	
Mar.	550	570	26,773	27,296	164	162	17,567	283	
Apr.	475	523	20,173	20,071	151	154	16,614	302	
May	547	546	26,666	26,434	171	153	19,279	316	
June	581	568	26,175	26,484	165	156	16,588	308	
1978-79									
July	618	619	25,406	25,631	149	146	16,193	257	
Aug.	542	540	28,286	27,053	162	145	18,623	294	
Sept.	565	539	31,231	31,195	159	151	17,351	257	
Oct.	576	540	31,588	29,352	167	154	14,166	236	
Nov.	516	511	28,104	27,909	172	163	20,045	310	
Dec.	571	569	29,020	28,846	143	167	14,534	238	
Jan.	592	584	31,282	31,548	117	178	8,709	151	
Feb.	486	522	28,165	32,056	158	162	17,244	250	
Mar.	573	561	28,598	28,703	183	174	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	

(a) Includes natural gas. (b) Gross wet weight. (c) Includes recovery from scrap. (d) Source: Australian Forestry and Timber Bureau. Figures are expressed in terms of green off sawn volumes.

**PRODUCTION OF BUILDING MATERIALS, BUILDING FITTINGS,
FLOOR COVERINGS AND HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES : AUSTRALIA**

Period	Building materials -- continued							Household appliances			
	Portland cement		Plaster sheets (non-acoustic)	Plaster of paris	Building fittings			Floor coverings (a)		Electric blankets (including mattress overlays) (b)	Electric propeller type fans (complete) (c)
	Original	Seasonally adjusted			Baths C.I.F.E. and other	Wash basins earthen- ware	Sinks- stainless steel	Original	Seasonally adjusted		
			'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes						'000 sq.m.	'000 tonnes
1975-76	5.007	..	46.076	355	180,629	355,120	243,862	38,545	..	520,574	533,323
1976-77	5.039	..	50,503	387	178,694	297,278	259,683	35,004	..	599,117	499,210
1977-78	5.021	..	48,116	369	160,221	229,814	218,036	33,045	..	682,324	320,613
1977-78p --											
Feb.	421	435	4,401	79.5	14,549	17,821	18,790	2,816	2,808	75,780	27,343
Mar.	423	423	4,207		14,924	18,509	17,958	3,000	2,788	84,074	24,057
Apr.	421	412	3,830	94.6	14,702	14,947	20,236	2,688	2,758	75,197	15,512
May	432	411	4,809		15,022	22,764	21,080	2,961	2,709	74,835	11,665
June	408	403	3,694		14,225	21,677	19,791	2,980	3,013	66,607	19,932
1978-79 --											
July	397	373	3,625	91.8	12,884	20,256	20,096	2,968	2,905	33,894	28,900
Aug.	438	423	4,316		15,116	19,531	23,129	3,199	2,878	66,191	36,934
Sept.	477	458	3,952	98.2	12,255	21,492	19,500	3,123	2,766	56,293	47,822
Oct.	436	411	4,247		15,280	22,085	18,733	3,268	2,945	69,465	47,978
Nov.	455	426	4,990	98.2	13,321	24,181	19,302	3,091	2,718	66,807	46,527
Dec.	407	416	3,869		9,941	19,090	13,544	2,513	2,881	46,828	35,728
Jan.	298	449	2,087		4,904	10,153	5,905	1,154	2,469	19,758	14,348
Feb.	429	442	4,215		12,945	23,871	13,598	2,602	2,596	n.p.	36,338
Mar.	478	462	n.y.a.		n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	3,082	2,728	n.y.a.	n.y.a.

Household appliances - continued

Period	Domestic cooking stoves			Domestic refrigerators		Domestic clothes washing machines		Hot water jugs and kettles
	Solid fuel	Gas (d) upright or elevated	Electric (e)	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted	
No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	
1975-76	4,184	109,608	335,570	244,490	..	354,779	..	655,371
1976-77	3,801	109,197	306,861	267,771	..	298,689	..	584,021
1977-78	3,042	96,212	287,270	266,168	..	273,620	..	617,860
1977-78p								
Feb.	(a)	8,931	24,605	23,965	24,139	21,463	22,842	56,434
Mar.	230	8,335	25,642	20,140	19,814	21,733	22,062	55,955
Apr.	222	8,073	23,820	14,742	18,409	18,896	23,255	52,207
May	312	9,232	23,863	22,295	22,449	26,616	23,410	60,347
June	302	8,576	24,754	23,097	23,698	26,932	26,283	52,273
1978-79								
July	229	8,556	21,772	22,357	22,516	25,383	23,955	44,062
Aug.	330	9,252	26,774	20,415	17,328	32,500	26,605	58,469
Sept.	311	8,180	27,153	22,413	19,525	33,133	28,671	49,810
Oct.	225	8,580	27,152	22,367	19,517	31,602	27,855	59,013
Nov.	283	9,069	28,586	25,736	20,555	37,289	30,464	66,754
Dec.	196	6,970	19,609	16,450	18,870	24,959	32,094	49,652
Jan.	72	2,775	12,794	11,463	17,988	20,205	38,533	23,700
Feb.	192	9,020	23,571	15,580	15,657	30,124	32,088	42,748
Mar.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	21,843	20,984	29,401	28,044	n.y.a.

(a) Excludes underfells and underlays. (b) Excludes heating pads. (c) Excludes fans incorporated in other equipment or used with ducting.
(d) Town, liquefied petroleum and natural gas stoves and ranges. Includes wall ovens. (e) Includes fixed ranges, wall ovens, cooking tops, grill-boilers and other ranges.

**PRODUCTION OF HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES, ELECTRIC MOTORS, ENGINES,
DAIRY PRODUCTS, MEAT, AND POULTRY SLAUGHTERED: AUSTRALIA**

Period	Household appliances - continued			Electric motors				Internal combustion engines - petrol (c)	
	Television sets (a)		Room air-conditioners (b)	Under 1 hp		1 hp and over		Original	Seasonally adjusted
	Original	Seasonally adjusted		Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted		
No.	No.	No.	'000	'000	'000	'000	No.	No.	
1975-76	531,806	..	53,446	3,765	..	317	..	358,790	..
1976-77	525,202	..	64,009	2,945	..	293	..	291,596	..
1977-78	327,512	..	62,621	2,457	..	303	..	249,993	..
1977-78p									
Feb.	26,816	27,378	5,788	197	215	25.1	24.9	13,827	17,380
Mar.	22,035	21,052	4,539	204	200	29.5	28.4	14,686	21,716
Apr.	22,432	24,326	3,653	165	182	24.3	25.1	12,877	19,194
May	26,392	25,004	3,873	189	189	30.4	30.1	9,241	18,957
June	27,264	24,516	3,248	205	200	26.9	30.1	14,023	21,002
1978-79p									
July	26,584	24,904	3,975	231	221	29.0	28.2	16,778	15,560
Aug.	26,955	23,304	4,215	237	201	30.8	26.5	28,069	21,788
Sept.	26,771	23,440	6,643	282	251	26.8	25.0	26,665	18,402
Oct.	23,796	21,942	7,296	252	219	35.2	28.8	34,976	21,044
Nov.	28,348	23,405	7,345	273	219	33.6	27.8	31,189	20,570
Dec.	18,921	23,956	6,426	229	242	27.1	27.6	15,447	15,575
Jan.	9,040	22,317	4,604	97	219	15.4	41.4	10,641	14,977
Feb.	22,638	23,107	6,472	205	223	31.8	31.5	14,664	18,547
Mar.	28,689	26,380	n.y.a.	243	230	29.2	25.3	20,552	27,627

Period	Dairy products (factory production)					Meat (carcass weight)					Total		Dressed weight of poultry slaughtered (f)
	Whole milk for all purposes		Butter (d)	Non-processed cheese (e)	Wholenmilk used for processed milk products	Beef and veal	Mutton	Lamb	Pigmeat	Original	Seasonally adjusted		
	Original	Seasonally adjusted											
	million litres	million litres										tonnes	
1975-76	6,248.2	..	147,635	112,617	630.8	1,840.4	325.5	262.2	173.8	2,602.0	..	204.2	
1976-77	5,773.0	..	118,214	103,549	734.0	1,987.8	303.7	245.5	185.1	2,722.1	..	218.2	
1977-78	5,167.6	..	111,722	115,447	712.1	2,183.8	260.8	252.8	199.1	2,896.5	..	245.7	
1977-78													
Mar.	371.6	449.7	6,906	7,930	49.8	186.7	23.8	20.1	16.4	247.1	245.5	19.8	
Apr.	278.4	444.3	4,175	5,895	31.5	169.2	15.6	18.2	15.7	218.6	226.5	20.5	
May	235.5	444.6	2,702	4,320	21.1	200.3	17.8	19.5	18.6	256.2	235.1	21.6	
June	224.0	456.7	2,360	4,201	19.7	189.6	9.9	16.5	17.4	233.4	221.0	20.7	
1978-79p													
July	295.1	461.0	3,758	6,352	42.5	179.6	10.7	16.6	16.7	223.7	218.9	20.8	
Aug.	446.5	471.1	8,485	11,453	71.2	184.9	13.8	22.6	18.1	239.4	229.4	21.4	
Sept.	587.1	474.3	13,335	15,345	92.8	175.7	16.3	26.4	16.2	234.7	231.0	22.3	
Oct.	752.7	483.1	17,454	18,690	114.2	185.9	24.0	31.7	17.1	258.8	242.4	23.2	
Nov.	729.8	471.1	17,239	18,140	112.0	186.6	26.5	26.4	18.3	257.8	248.2	23.1	
Dec.	673.4	469.1	15,720	16,361	107.1	150.0	21.5	20.3	15.8	207.6	239.0	22.2	
Jan.	579.0	461.5	10,947	13,199	106.3	158.6	22.5	19.8	14.3	215.2	236.4	21.9	
Feb.	434.1	480.3	5,938	10,916	91.3	173.5	24.4	18.0	14.4	230.0	245.1	21.5	
Mar.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	185.2	24.0	18.0	15.7	242.9	231.5	n.y.a.	
Apr.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	149.3	18.7	15.7	15.2	198.9	217.5	n.y.a.	

(a) Includes combinations with radio and/or record player. (b) Includes package unit air conditioners. (c) Excludes motor car, motor cycle, truck, tractor, aero, etc., and marine engines. (d) Includes the butter equivalent of butter oil production. (e) Source: Prior to July 1977, Commonwealth Dairy Produce Equalisation Committee Ltd and State Departments of Agriculture; from July 1977, source is Australian Dairy Corporation and State Departments of Agriculture. (f) See footnote (d) for Source. (f) Dressed weight of all birds (chickens, other fowls, ducks and drakes, and turkeys) including pieces and giblets. (g) Whole milk equivalent.

PRODUCTION OF FLOUR, SUGAR, BEER, TOBACCO, CHEMICALS, MOTOR VEHICLES AND TYRES : AUSTRALIA

Chemicals and allied products												
Period	Wheaten flour	Refined sugar (a)	Beer (b)		Tobacco and cigarettes		Sulphuric acid (100%)		Super phosphate (d)	Sulphate of ammonia	Paints	
			Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original (c)	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted			Ready mixed paints and enamels	Lacquers nitro-cellulose
'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	million litres	million litres	tonnes	tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	million litres	'000 litres	
1975-76	1,240	723.2	1,932	--	31,161	--	1,295	--	2,185	220	91.0	4,909
1976-77	1,182	732.2	1,939	--	29,846	--	1,721	--	3,137	202	89.2	4,392
1977-78 p	1,087	739.2	1,983	--	30,389	--	1,820	--	3,388	217	86.3	4,299
1977-78p -												
Feb.	89	60.2	163	170	2,999	2,864	160	153	317	15.11	7.20	409
Mar.	92	68.7	178	167	2,989	2,738	170	164	352	18.78	7.87	435
Apr.	94	60.3	156	168	2,212	2,253	189	167	411	20.36	6.43	327
May	101	55.9	166	166	2,193	2,037	177	163	373	19.58	7.84	416
June	91	51.2	138	163	2,939	2,586	147	160	273	11.17	7.11	362
1978-79p -												
July	86	55.8	139	162	2,850	2,540	116	152	210	18.27	6.80	391
Aug.	106	63.4	151	160	2,656	2,340	112	141	176	16.10	7.29	409
Sept.	85	65.6	138	146	1,808	2,159	144	148	246	18.80	7.17	451
Oct.	90	65.1	169	157	2,461	2,254	154	157	272	21.93	7.08	431
Nov.	102	64.2	195	171	2,984	2,698	149	144	286	26.55	9.15	471
Dec.	74	60.9	215	185	1,934	2,371	171	152	271	16.36	6.56	366
Jan.	83	63.8	171	163	1,323	2,535	165	155	309	12.83	5.60	219
Feb.	90	n.y.a.	152	159	2,741	2,619	162	155	364	15.06	7.30	471
Mar.	85	n.y.a.	174	166	3,020	2,666	206	192	390	n.p.	4.39	378
Motor vehicles (e)												
Period	Cars and station wagons		Utilities and panel vans		Trucks and truck-type vehicles		Total motor vehicles (f)		Pneumatic tyres-motor cycle, car, truck, aero, etc. (g)			
	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Utilities	Panel vans	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original		Seasonally adjusted		
No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	'000			
1975-76	369,339	--	25,179	29,857	--	30,988	--	456,164	--	8,384		
1976-77	367,272	--	24,902	26,031	--	33,403	--	452,592	--	7,859		
1977-78	315,392	--	20,920	19,371	--	28,677	--	384,966	--	7,130		
1977-78p -												
Feb.	28,540	28,820	1,953	1,703	3,698	2,453	2,498	34,683	35,257	662		
Mar.	31,090	29,198	1,856	1,724	3,420	2,472	2,467	37,242	35,333	569		
Apr.	27,450	28,357	1,784	1,281	3,072	2,404	2,465	33,034	34,364	631		
May	32,522	27,217	2,015	1,493	3,067	2,965	2,612	39,076	32,553	669		
June	28,657	26,886	1,685	1,484	2,943	2,946	2,724	34,829	32,631	680		
1978-79p -												
July	31,845	31,422	1,849	1,382	2,963	2,935	2,690	38,052	37,501	659		
Aug.	25,093	22,842	1,509	1,269	2,561	3,005	2,487	30,975	27,584	726		
Sept.	31,514	28,720	1,811	1,210	2,606	2,726	2,328	37,324	33,832	689		
Oct.	34,693	30,033	1,655	1,253	2,791	3,181	3,057	40,837	35,546	680		
Nov.	36,431	31,137	1,726	1,070	2,436	2,804	2,609	42,108	36,346	632		
Dec.	27,762	33,982	1,276	902	2,463	2,020	2,448	31,998	39,616	447		
Jan.	10,545	31,262	1,078	910	5,962	969	2,464	13,516	38,302	267		
Feb.	32,313	32,586	2,067	1,512	3,627	2,108	2,142	38,058	38,643	671		
Mar.	36,743	33,502	1,073	1,231	2,024	2,193	2,012	41,327	37,814	678		

(a) Source: Monthly figures, Department of Primary Industry. (b) Excludes waste beer. (c) Source: Department of Business and Consumer Affairs. (d) Includes double and triple superphosphate and ammonium phosphate expressed in terms of single superphosphate, i.e. 22% P₂O₅ equivalent. (e) Finished and partly finished motor vehicles. (f) Includes buses and ambulances. (g) Source: Australian Tyre Manufacturers Association Limited.

PRODUCTION OF WOOL, YARNS AND TEXTILES : AUSTRALIA

Period	Brokers and dealers receipts of taxable wool (a)			Yarns (d)				
	Total receipts	Percentage of total received by brokers (b)	Scoured and carbonised wool (c)	Cotton		Wool		Cellulosic fibre (including mixtures) Original
				Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted	
	'000 tonnes	%	'000 tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes
1975-76	686.9	76.5	69.9	24.761	..	22.558	..	3.676
1976-77	628.0	75.9	72.8	20.886	..	19.345	..	2.422
1977-78 p	614.4	74.7	72.3	22.402	..	19.758	..	1.461
1977-78p -								
Feb.	32.7	74.2	18.6	1.759	1.787	1.871	1.786	85
Mar.	38.9	67.9		1.899	1.764	1.800	1.735	80
Apr.	30.2	67.9		1.758	1.922	1.694	1.782	101
May	29.6	68.9	21.3	2.103	1.832	1.865	1.603	117
June	21.0	62.0		2.227	1.979	1.753	1.674	31
1978-79p -								
July	28.8	71.1		2.061	1.957	1.763	1.690	83
Aug.	73.0	76.1	18.3	2.074	1.759	1.872	1.587	60
Sept.	88.2	76.5		2.105	1.830	1.816	1.711	85
Oct.	107.5	78.0		1.793	1.662	1.753	1.582	113
Nov.	90.8	76.0	19.4	1.857	1.709	1.856	1.705	66
Dec.	51.3	74.4		1.426	1.819	1.371	1.787	40
Jan.	37.3	74.2		637	1.530	824	1.704	16
Feb.	34.7	71.2	20.6	1.672	1.696	1.842	1.756	37
Mar.	42.4	71.0		2.061	1.951	1.906	1.814	85

Textiles									
Period	Woven cloth (d) (e)								Blankets (h)
	Cotton (f)		Wool (g)		Cellulosic fibre		Synthetic fibre		
	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted	
	'000 sq. metres	'000 sq. metres	'000 sq. metres	'000 sq. metres	'000 sq. metres	'000 sq. metres	'000 sq. metres	'000 sq. metres	'000
1975-76	46.661	..	8.376	..	16.725	..	97.810	..	2.031
1976-77	39.608	..	6.539	..	16.595	..	96.883	..	1.581
1977-78	36.964	..	6.661	..	15.171	..	103.449	..	1.449
1977-78p -									
Feb.	3.084	3.108	586	526	1.251	1.324	8.497	8.534	115
Mar.	3.140	2.960	661	574	1.321	1.250	8.458	8.341	127
Apr.	2.861	3.235	602	628	1.302	1.273	7.879	8.511	133
May	3.184	2.953	589	532	1.592	1.453	8.862	7.911	159
June	3.582	3.123	587	672	1.632	1.391	10.162	8.483	153
1978-79p -									
July	3.992	3.899	606	646	1.452	1.370	9.523	8.900	132
Aug.	3.762	3.388	710	649	1.652	1.434	9.701	8.286	117
Sept.	4.314	3.534	662	657	1.554	1.399	9.175	8.327	77
Oct.	3.898	3.581	825	754	1.744	1.582	10.476	9.375	83
Nov.	3.655	3.418	831	669	1.557	1.375	10.238	9.291	88
Dec.	2.777	3.111	642	747	1.205	1.391	7.677	9.695	68
Jan.	1.216	2.962	345	615	557	2.080	3.548	9.543	48
Feb.	3.111	2.910	756	680	1.582	1.674	9.902	9.930	100
Mar.	4.359	3.979	743	644	1.625	1.467	10.623	10.029	106

(a) Amounts of taxable wool received by brokers and dealers from wool producers. (b) Members of the National Council of Wool Selling Brokers of Australia. (c) As from April 1976 published on a quarterly basis. (d) Includes mixtures predominantly of the fibre named. (e) Over 30 centimetres wide. (f) Excludes towels and towelling. (g) Excludes blanketing and rug material. (h) Prior to 1975-76 excludes tufted blankets.

PRODUCTION OF CLOTHING AND MISCELLANEOUS PRODUCTS : AUSTRALIA

Clothing										
Period	Hosiery		Men's and youths				Underwear		Boots, shoes and sandals (c)	
	Men's	Women's full length (a)	Short length coats and jackets (b)		Sports trousers	Shirts, mens' and boys'	Men's and boys'	Women's and girls'		
			Suit	Other						
'000 doz. pairs	'000 doz. pairs	'000	'000	'000	'000 doz.	'000 doz.	'000 doz.	'000 pairs		
1975-76	2,007	6,316	825	1,148	4,344	2,861	2,125	3,647	30,224	
1976-77	1,881	6,030	773	892	4,071	2,501	2,382	3,945	26,756	
1977-78	11,742	15,299	704	1,697	4,113	12,653	2,380	13,394	28,032	
1977-78p										
Feb.	142	488	49.8	66.1	368	205	207	287	2,409	
Mar.	140	473	48.6	76.4	397	196	211	299	2,502	
Apr.	139	497	49.9	87.4	375	190	170	262	2,379	
May	158	475	58.7	86.3	427	219	204	283	2,625	
June	164	535	54.9	53.3	322	226	186	254	2,678	
1978-79p										
July	155	495	58.8	59.2	321	246	184	259	2,716	
Aug.	169	544	68.0	61.4	347	306	206	262	2,952	
Sept.	168	523	71.9	51.3	348	246	161	249	2,764	
Oct.	168	630	69.7	58.4	368	281	184	284	2,982	
Nov.	149	553	63.3	56.2	411	278	210	327	2,845	
Dec.	113	409	53.4	40.9	282	200	170	286	2,015	
Jan.	57	240	20.5	28.5	128	84	66	113	1,208	
Feb.	138	233	51.9	58.4	369	207	185	285	2,645	
Mar.	153	528	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	
Period	Lawn mowers petrol (rotary)		Motor spirit (d)	Aviation turbine fuel (d)	Furnace fuel (d)	Plastics and synthetic resins (e)	Newsprint	Soap	Margarine	
	Original	Seasonally adjusted							Table	Other
	No.	No.	million litres	million litres	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes
1975-76	334,857	--	12,501	2,088	4,340	407	206,227	58,154	43,211	55,899
1976-77	307,173	--	13,056	2,115	4,604	464	206,590	57,281	69,140	51,620
1977-78	272,344	--	14,073	2,277	4,138	523	207,621	55,978	80,733	43,737
1977-78 p										
Feb.	19,033	20,910	1,024	195	305	47.2	16,810	5,125	7,458	3,187
Mar.	18,958	23,632	1,221	198	328	49.3	18,293	4,623	6,179	3,203
Apr.	10,919	17,745	1,119	167	281	45.0	17,932	4,747	7,670	3,686
May	8,361	23,321	1,346	187	353	50.7	18,128	5,123	6,544	3,359
June	15,278	27,448	1,144	170	356	46.7	17,337	5,046	8,110	4,911
1978-79p										
July	17,236	20,941	1,246	153	397	48.9	19,117	5,339	6,091	4,083
Aug.	35,862	28,632	1,190	190	359	54.7	18,851	5,666	7,804	4,398
Sept.	40,015	26,428	1,070	181	347	50.8	18,020	5,019	8,667	4,130
Oct.	48,782	27,030	1,022	158	431	50.3	18,424	5,301	9,074	4,006
Nov.	43,681	27,395	1,075	195	325	50.0	17,114	4,983	6,739	3,399
Dec.	24,556	23,391	1,191	219	400	41.2	13,278	3,606	6,686	3,148
Jan.	21,924	30,799	1,217	202	351	49.4	16,607	2,768	5,069	2,195
Feb.	24,129	26,536	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	51.7	16,297	4,036	7,144	3,707

(a) Includes panty hose. (b) Excludes plastic coats and dust coats. (c) Includes slippers of cemented, vulcanised-moulded rubber and injection-moulded plastic construction. (d) Source: Department of National Resources. (e) Liquid resins or emulsion forms are shown in terms of dry weight of resin content.

TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

REGISTRATIONS OF NEW MOTOR VEHICLES (a) : AUSTRALIA

Period	Cars and station wagons		Other vehicles (excluding motor cycles)		Total (excluding motor cycles)		Motor cycles	Total motor vehicles
	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted		
1975-76	454,637	...	129,726	...	584,263	...	60,017	644,380
1976-77	447,102	...	134,709	...	581,811	...	50,321	632,132
1977-78	432,439	...	131,478	...	563,917	...	38,049	601,966
1977-78								
Feb.	33,615	36,948	9,767	11,206	43,382	48,154	3,028	46,410
Mar.	34,880	34,144	10,251	10,749	45,131	44,893	2,970	48,101
Apr.	37,108	36,705	11,223	11,135	48,331	47,840	3,135	51,466
May	40,279	36,094	12,808	11,231	53,087	47,325	3,242	56,329
June	38,133	36,941	13,364	11,783	51,497	48,724	2,601	54,098
1978-79								
July	38,175	37,698	12,194	11,410	50,369	49,108	2,776	53,145
Aug.	44,459	40,379	10,948	10,298	55,407	50,677	3,153	58,560
Sept.	41,587	43,024	9,830	10,327	51,417	53,351	2,937	54,354
Oct.	38,780	38,990	9,908	9,859	48,688	48,849	3,083	51,771
Nov.	39,129	37,444	9,864	9,534	48,993	46,978	3,025	52,018
Dec.	35,199	38,646	8,568	9,369	43,767	48,015	3,306	47,073
Jan.	30,935	35,073	7,619	8,850	38,554	43,923	2,994	41,548
Feb. r	35,404	38,848	9,368	10,724	44,772	49,572	3,492	48,264
Mar. p	38,970	37,134	9,565	9,385	48,535	46,519	3,381	51,916

(a) Registrations during period. Includes Government-owned vehicles except those belonging to the defence services. Excludes tractors, plant and equipment, caravans and trailers.

RAILWAYS AND SHIPPING : AUSTRALIA

Period	Government railways				Shipping (a)			
	Goods and livestock				Overseas cargo			
					Shipped from Australian ports		Discharged at Australian ports	
	Tonnes consigned	Net tonne-kilometres	Passenger journeys	Gross earnings	Tonnes	Cubic metres	Tonnes	Cubic metres
	'000	million	million	\$ million	'000	'000	'000	'000
1974-75	94,798	29,791.6	340.0	809.4	164,866	2,926	21,893	8,029
1975-76	95,039	30,809.3	317.2	939.8	156,133	2,488	19,718	7,170
1976-77	99,789	32,030.0	336.9	1,021.1	164,370	2,041	20,083	6,857
1977-78					p	p	p	p
Oct.	8,557	2,847.4	23.3	91.6	15,290	200	1,812	388
Nov.	8,088	2,902.6	23.1	91.8	13,836	204	1,743	387
Dec.	7,525	2,625.1	23.7	87.5	14,622	190	1,979	401
Jan.	7,093	2,131.9	22.8	80.2	12,483	147	1,599	395
Feb.	6,988	2,384.5	30.7	83.5	12,407	141	1,912	358
Mar.	n.y.a.	2,610.1	24.4	87.8	13,306	165	1,552	401
Apr.	n.y.a.	2,585.5	23.7	89.3	13,088	152	1,786	337
May	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	27.1	98.4	14,083	201	1,809	417
June	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	12,883	160	1,847	392
1978-79								
July	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	13,062	192	2,199	470
Aug.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	12,769	185	1,457	628
Sept.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	14,028	212	2,011	481
Oct.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	14,639	267	1,560	713
Nov.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	14,739	180	2,037	761

(a) Part of the shipping cargo is recorded in tonnes and part in cubic metres. As the total cannot be stated accurately as either tonnes or cubic metres each is recorded and published separately.

TELEPHONE AND TElEX SERVICES : AUSTRALIA

Period	Telephone subscribers' services				Telex Services			
	Effective applications during period (a)	Services connected during period	Services cancelled during period	Services in operation at end of period	Effective applications during period (a)	Services connected during period	Services cancelled during period	Services in operation at end of period
	'000	'000	'000	'000				'000
1975-76	596.1	613.6	448.4	3,700	(b)3,986	(c)4,117	1,822	17.0
1976-77	666.5	665.7	456.9	3,907	4,610	4,538	2,015	19.6
1977-78	746.1	755.5	491.1	4,166	5,620	5,410	2,245	22.7
1977-78 -								
Feb.	67.0	62.2	39.9	4,065	462	416	180	21.6
Mar.	60.2	63.2	39.4	4,089	513	477	198	21.9
Apr.	63.8	60.6	41.5	4,104	474	451	213	22.1
May	74.3	76.8	48.8	4,132	522	521	216	22.4
June	70.8	78.4	44.6	4,166	686	581	257	22.7
1978-79 -								
July	65.5	65.0	41.9	4,189	541	486	190	23.0
Aug.	67.1	65.2	43.7	4,211	388	311	147	23.2
Sept.	68.4	65.4	43.9	4,232	568	514	204	23.5
Oct.	68.6	70.7	42.9	4,260	578	596	204	23.9
Nov.	70.3	70.5	45.8	4,285	477	545	203	24.2
Dec.	57.3	61.9	43.3	4,304	351	418	195	24.4
Jan.	74.1	67.8	49.9	4,321	468	427	238	24.6
Feb.	76.0	73.4	47.3	4,347	537	451	219	24.9
Mar.	79.6	79.6	51.8	4,375	732	520	256	25.1

(a) Demand for services, allowing for applications withdrawn during period. (b) From July 1975 includes in place services. (c) From July 1975 includes in place connections.

BALANCE OF PAYMENTS

(\$ million)

CURRENT ACCOUNT											
Period	Invisible credits						Invisible debits				
	Exports f.o.b.	Imports f.o.b.	Balance of trade	Transportation and travel	Property income	Transfers	Other	Transportation and travel	Property income	Transfers	Other
1975-76	9,408	-7,924	1,484	1,274	343	359	226	-2,113	-1,551	-701	-428
1976-77	11,399	-10,345	1,054	1,516	378	276	181	-2,492	-1,753	-705	-444
1977-78	12,063	-11,167	896	1,641	354	402	247	-2,665	-1,859	-818	-621
1977-78 -											
Dec. qtr	3,135	-2,620	515	449	93	95	55	614	-451	-141	-141
Mar. qtr	2,796	-2,849	-53	423	82	117	61	-612	-413	-209	-168
June qtr	3,116	-2,869	247	389	95	104	86	-764	-503	-232	-167
1978-79 -											
Sept. qtr	3,019	-3,136	-113	435	97	106	85	-785	-456	-216	-137
Dec. qtr	3,375	-3,386	-12	502	106	101	88	-768	-547	-194	-139
Mar. qtr	3,648	-3,343	305	494	97	97	82	-765	-519	-232	-149
CAPITAL ITEMS											
Period	Capital inflow					Monetary movements					
	Government		Private		Non-official monetary sector transactions	Balancing item	Net apparent capital inflow	Change in official reserve assets	Other transactions	Net official monetary movements	
1975-76	47	-176	110	583	-25	-453	87	-1,053	32	-989	1,020
1976-77	375	-222	243	1,350	24	-271	1,499	-190	-301	-491	
1977-78	1,647	-129	-245	1,174	-17	-548	1,882	-474	-68	-542	
1977-78 -											
Dec. qtr	366	-20	-156	314	-18	-419	68	43	-30	-73	
Mar. qtr	476	40	81	247	-21	251	1,074	187	116	302	
June qtr	315	-40	-35	544	-25	1	709	-34	2	36	
1978-79 -											
Sept. qtr	429	91	17	333	64	150	783	205	-	205	
Dec. qtr	471	-3	41	342	-50	-36	766	113	18	97	
Mar. qtr	365	-18	-34	(a)	(a)	-243	588	109	(b)-111	-2	

(a) Not yet available, included in the balancing item. (b) Includes allocation of SDRs of \$94 million.

NATIONAL ACCOUNTS

GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT AND NATIONAL EXPENDITURE (a)
(\$ million)

Period	Gross national expenditure	Plus Exports of goods and services	Less Imports of goods and services	Components of gross domestic product								
				Gross domestic product at factor cost							Indirect taxes less subsidies	
				Gross domestic product			Wages, salaries and supplements	Gross operating surplus		Financial enterprises, etc. (b)		
								Trading enterprises				
								Companies	Other			
				Farm	Non-farm	Total						
ORIGINAL												
1975-76	71,721	10,908	10,466	3,796	68,367	72,163	41,445	8,260	14,015	-97	8,532	
1976-77	83,402	13,096	13,282	4,279	78,937	83,216	46,880	9,868	16,860	-167	9,775	
1977-78	91,198	13,956	14,473	4,140	86,541	90,681	51,567	10,591	18,600	-456	10,379	
1977-78 -												
Sept. qtr	22,251	3,440	3,648	923	21,119	22,042	12,543	2,574	4,548	-88	2,465	
Dec. qtr	23,926	3,644	3,371	1,724	22,475	24,199	13,184	3,014	5,636	-117	2,482	
Mar. qtr	22,130	3,284	3,632	905	20,876	21,781	12,670	2,288	4,352	-117	2,588	
June qtr	22,891	3,589	3,821	588	22,071	22,659	13,170	2,715	4,064	-134	2,844	
1978-79 -												
Sept. qtr	24,566	3,501	4,060	995	23,012	24,007	13,495	2,721	5,153	-81	2,719	
Dec. qtr	27,695	3,936	4,247	2,332	25,052	27,384	14,194	3,375	6,970	-134	2,979	
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED												
1977-78 -												
Sept. qtr	22,160	3,492	3,555	1,042	21,055	22,097	12,562	2,585	4,437	-77	2,590	
Dec. qtr	22,146	3,490	3,459	1,011	21,166	22,177	12,663	2,574	4,541	-112	2,511	
Mar. qtr	23,235	3,408	3,634	1,018	21,991	23,009	13,104	2,764	4,716	-133	2,558	
June qtr	23,747	3,559	3,812	1,053	22,441	23,494	13,280	2,691	4,944	-134	2,713	
1978-79 -												
Sept. qtr	24,854	3,555	3,959	1,432	23,018	24,450	13,596	2,736	5,333	-70	2,855	
Dec. qtr	25,699	3,769	4,367	1,534	23,567	25,101	13,626	2,875	5,713	-130	3,017	

(a) For concepts see *Quarterly Estimates of National Income and Expenditure* (\$206.0). (b) Financial enterprises less imputed bank service charge.

COMPONENTS OF GROSS NATIONAL EXPENDITURE (a)
(\$ million)

Period	Gross fixed capital expenditure											
	Final consumption expenditure		Private					Public enterprises	General government	Increase in stocks	Statistical discrepancy	Gross national expenditure
	Private	Government	Dwellings	Other building and construction	All other	Total private						
ORIGINAL												
1975-76	42,408	11,367	3,225	1,967	5,055	10,247	3,287	3,389	49	974	71,721	
1976-77	48,388	13,273	4,041	1,938	6,040	12,019	3,673	3,439	1,008	1,603	83,402	
1977-78	54,224	15,019	3,877	2,268	6,908	13,053	4,165	3,648	-386	1,477	91,198	
1977-78 -												
Sept. qtr	12,851	3,531	1,026	568	1,555	3,149	948	806	55	911	22,251	
Dec. qtr	14,101	3,833	970	635	1,743	3,348	1,082	939	375	248	23,926	
Mar. qtr	13,044	3,615	913	474	1,537	2,924	981	802	-232	996	22,130	
June qtr	14,228	4,039	968	591	2,073	3,632	1,154	1,100	-584	-678	22,891	
1978-79 -												
Sept. qtr	14,476	4,078	954	598	1,950	3,502	985	832	-86	779	24,566	
Dec. qtr	15,761	4,255	954	735	2,162	3,851	1,090	968	1,200	570	27,695	
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED												
1977-78 -												
Sept. qtr	12,961	3,563	995	560	1,590	3,145	1,001	897	79	514	22,160	
Dec. qtr	13,351	3,692	962	571	1,643	3,176	1,045	886	-253	249	22,146	
Mar. qtr	13,691	3,861	957	557	1,730	3,244	1,117	950	83	456	23,235	
June qtr	14,226	3,905	962	579	1,932	3,473	1,002	919	-143	365	23,747	
1978-79 -												
Sept. qtr	14,592	4,112	926	589	1,997	3,512	1,042	925	296	375	24,854	
Dec. qtr	14,953	4,102	946	660	2,035	3,641	1,052	916	488	547	25,699	

(a) For concepts see *Quarterly Estimates of National Income and Expenditure* (\$206.0).

VALUE OF MAIN AGGREGATES AT AVERAGE 1974-75 PRICES (a)
(*\$ million*)

(5 million)

Period	Final consumption expenditure		Gross capital expenditure		Increase in stocks	Statistical discrepancy	Gross national expenditure	Plus exports of goods and services	Less imports of goods and services	Expenditure on gross domestic product	Gross farm product	Gross non-farm product
	Private	Government	Private	Public								
ORIGINAL												
1975-76	36,703	9,875	8,825	5,798	70	885	62,156	10,126	9,388	62,894	4,019	58,875
1976-77	37,596	10,383	9,195	5,454	820	1,276	64,724	10,951	10,488	65,187	4,054	61,133
1977-78	38,580	10,902	9,163	5,548	-512	1,078	64,759	11,348	10,054	66,053	3,782	62,271
1977-78 -												
Sept. qtr	9,418	2,621	2,267	1,276	-60	667	16,189	2,831	2,567	16,453	809	15,644
Dec. qtr	10,111	2,779	2,371	1,446	-492	177	17,376	3,097	2,360	18,113	1,782	16,331
Mar. qtr	9,201	2,621	2,039	1,254	-218	705	15,602	2,626	2,535	15,693	804	14,889
June qtr	9,850	2,881	2,486	1,572	-726	-471	15,592	2,794	2,592	15,794	387	15,407
1978-79 -												
Sept. qtr	9,813	2,857	2,357	1,250	-158	532	16,651	2,650	2,680	16,621	722	15,899
Dec. qtr	10,389	2,954	2,544	1,395	1,366	380	19,028	2,895	2,763	19,160	2,130	17,030
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED												
1977-78 -												
Sept. qtr	9,489	2,642	2,259	1,386	43	325	16,144	2,798	2,501	16,441	950	15,491
Dec. qtr	9,599	2,705	2,267	1,388	-328	143	15,774	2,948	2,395	16,327	950	15,377
Mar. qtr	9,654	2,767	2,256	1,466	-57	379	16,465	2,758	2,550	16,673	947	15,726
June qtr	9,833	2,789	2,370	1,324	-179	282	16,419	2,834	2,602	16,651	934	15,717
1978-79 -												
Sept. qtr	9,885	2,880	2,355	1,358	276	208	16,962	2,622	2,617	16,967	1,173	15,794
Dec. qtr	9,882	2,873	2,425	1,338	457	297	17,272	2,750	2,803	17,219	1,186	16,033

(a) For concepts see *Quarterly Estimates of National Income and Expenditure* (\$206.0).

FINANCE

NEW MONEY RAISED BY LISTED COMPANIES IN AUSTRALIA AND BY INDUSTRY GROUP (a)
(*\$ million*)

Period	Manufacturing			Finance and property			Commerce		
	Shares	Debentures, registered notes, etc.		Shares	Debentures, registered notes, etc.		Shares	Debentures, registered notes, etc.	
			Total			Total			Total
1975-76	115.0	142.1	257.1	68.5	853.3	921.8	57.5	20.8	78.3
1976-77	181.7	147.4	329.1	212.2	939.7	1,151.9	9.5	31.3	40.8
1977-78	142.3	134.6	276.9	100.9	907.3	1,008.2	41.9	50.2	92.4
1977-78 -									
Sept. qtr	41.8	58.8	100.6	31.0	292.8	323.8	0.6	12.4	13.0
Dec. qtr	46.9	9.8	56.7	10.6	275.7	286.3	7.2	(b) -0.7	6.5
Mar. qtr	5.8	32.3	38.1	52.1	82.9	135.0	9.2	26.9	36.1
June qtr	47.4	33.7	81.5	7.2	255.9	263.1	24.9	11.9	36.8
1978-79 -									
Sept. qtr	12.9	69.7	82.6	44.6	243.8	288.4	3.1	(b) -11.2	(b) -8.1
Dec. qtr	54.4	97.5	151.9	12.8	272.8	285.6	4.0	30.2	34.2
Other industries									
All industries									
Period	Shares	Debentures, registered notes, etc.		Total	Shares	Debentures, registered notes, etc.		Total	
1975-76	91.3		78.2	169.5	332.3		1,094.4	1,426.7	
1976-77	68.1		91.0	159.1	471.3		1,209.6	1,680.9	
1977-78	64.5		26.6	91.1	349.6		1,119.3	1,468.9	
1977-78 -									
Sept. qtr	16.1	(b) -3.2		12.9	89.5		361.0	450.5	
Dec. qtr	21.9	35.8		57.7	86.7		320.6	407.3	
Mar. qtr	6.1	6.2		12.3	73.1		148.4	221.5	
June qtr	20.4	(b) -12.2		8.2	160.3		289.3	389.6	
1978-79 -									
Sept. qtr	39.3	(b) -4.0		35.3	99.9		298.4	398.3	
Dec. qtr	24.4	7.2		31.6	95.6		407.7	503.3	

(a) Holding companies are classified according to the predominant activity of the group. (b) Excess of repayments over receipts of new money.

RESERVE BANK OF AUSTRALIA, CENTRAL BANKING BUSINESS (INCLUDING NOTE ISSUE DEPARTMENT)
(\$ million)

Average of weekly figures	Accounts of trading banks								Commonwealth Government securities			
	Notes on issue		Statutory Reserve Deposit	Term Loan Fund	Farm Development Loan Fund	Other deposits of trading banks	Deposits of savings banks	All Other liabilities (a)	Gold and foreign exchange	Treasury bills and Treasury notes	All other assets	
	Held by public	Total										
June 1975	2,194.3	2,518.0	421.4	14.9	13.8	8.3	890.9	1,660.0	3,283.3	123.2	1,191.1	929.6
June 1976	2,554.9	2,920.2	840.5	11.5	15.0	12.3	1,014.1	1,019.5	2,432.8	877.6	1,451.9	1,070.8
June 1977	2,887.4	3,293.1	1,704.2	16.9	10.1	6.9	1,044.6	1,673.8	2,596.7	1,433.8	2,735.5	983.7
1977-78 -												
Mar.	3,193.9	3,649.2	1,204.8	29.7	7.9	5.8	1,111.3	2,960.6	2,682.3	3,211.5	2,080.9	994.5
Apr.	3,192.7	3,723.1	1,040.5	25.5	4.3	23.7	1,168.0	2,792.8	3,102.6	2,455.9	2,405.0	814.5
May	3,210.7	3,654.6	757.0	20.8	1.8	5.3	1,141.0	2,710.4	2,973.5	1,779.2	2,638.3	899.9
June	3,237.0	3,687.5	734.0	7.9	0.2	5.8	1,109.4	2,800.5	3,087.4	1,787.0	2,660.2	810.7
1978-79												
July	3,270.0	3,716.3	718.4	4.3		5.3	1,147.3	2,743.4	2,972.0	1,937.9	2,662.1	763.2
Aug.	3,321.0	3,768.2	717.1	2.2		8.7	1,153.5	2,828.1	3,016.6	2,026.4	2,756.1	678.6
Sept.	3,366.8	3,798.6	667.0	14.5	7.6	5.8	1,133.7	3,029.3	3,116.3	2,213.7	2,657.2	669.3
Oct.	3,373.9	3,826.7	658.7	18.6	5.0	5.5	1,123.7	2,890.6	2,976.4	2,630.5	2,275.8	646.2
Nov.	3,405.2	3,859.6	672.9	31.3	8.2	9.3	1,161.5	3,028.0	3,192.2	2,709.9	2,335.9	532.9
Dec. (b)	3,640.1	4,198.2	682.2	28.0	5.8	5.1	1,115.8	2,769.0	3,151.9	2,414.2	2,581.5	656.5
Jan.	3,522.2	4,027.9	815.1	22.8	4.4	8.2	1,109.4	3,120.3	3,071.0	2,124.0	2,436.8	1,476.2
Feb.	3,487.3	3,963.9	912.6	40.3	5.8	7.2	1,227.3	3,385.3	3,230.3	2,335.9	2,576.0	1,400.2
Mar.	3,523.3	4,000.2	1,137.0	30.9	6.5	6.7	1,259.6	3,563.8	3,501.5	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	1,420.8
Apr.	n.y.a.	4,143.2	1,159.9	27.6	6.0	8.1	1,022.0	3,490.0	3,499.2	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	1,283.0

(a) Includes Special Reserve - I.M.F. Special Drawing Rights, capital and reserves. (b) Excludes one Wednesday.

RESERVE BANK OF AUSTRALIA, RURAL CREDITS DEPARTMENT : ADVANCES

Average of weekly figures	\$ million	Average of weekly figures	\$ million
June 1975	199.5	1978-79	
June 1976	208.9	Aug.	398.5
June 1977	586.7	Sept.	341.5
		Oct.	291.2
1977-78 -		Nov.	250.0
Mar.	779.0	Dec. (a)	244.6
Apr.	569.0	Jan.	745.9
May	524.5	Feb.	1,165.9
June	480.9	Mar.	1,188.9
1978-79 -		Apr.	1,001.6
July	453.0		

(a) Excludes one Wednesday.

COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT BANK OF AUSTRALIA : ADVANCES
(\$ million)

<i>Average of weekly figures</i>	<i>Hire purchase</i>	<i>Other</i>	<i>Average of weekly figures</i>	<i>Hire purchase</i>	<i>Other</i>
June 1975	63.3	281.7	1978-79		
June 1976	68.3	301.0	Aug.	100.4	342.9
June 1977	89.7	316.0	Sept.	100.1	341.6
			Oct.	100.4	339.3
1977-78			Nov.	103.1	337.2
Mar.	89.5	330.9	Dec. (a)	105.6	353.0
Apr.	90.7	349.5	Jan.	104.0	346.3
May	93.4	350.2	Feb.	99.2	349.3
June	95.3	362.8	Mar.	96.0	351.1
1978-79			Apr.	98.1	363.4
July	99.6	344.4			

(a) Excludes one Wednesday.

MAJOR TRADING BANKS (a) : SELECTED LIABILITIES AND ASSETS WITHIN AUSTRALIA (b)
(\$ million)

Average of weekly figures	Deposits				Coin, bullion, notes and cash with Reserve Bank	Commonwealth and State Government securities		Loans to authorised dealers in the short-term money market	Statutory reserve deposit account with Reserve Bank	Loans, advances and bills discounted (a)	
	Total		Seasonally adjusted	Treasury bills and Treasury notes		Other	Original			Seasonally adjusted	
											Fixed
		Original	Seasonally adjusted								
June 1975	7.824	5.841	13.665	282.2	1,100.7	2,204.2	118.2	414.4	9,932		
June 1976	8.705	6.680	15.385	325.2	169.4	3,183.5	122.7	827.5	11,014		
June 1977	10,129	7,064	17,193	358.2	37.7	3,305.8	102.5	1,685.7	12,148		
1977-78											
Mar.	11,005	7,738	18,743	17,889	390.0	478.8	3,741.9	168.5	1,188.5	13,152	13,429
Apr.	10,868	7,752	18,620	18,120	478.4	498.6	3,553.8	188.7	1,025.4	13,463	13,381
May	10,417	7,473	17,890	18,091	381.5	150.3	3,377.6	219.5	745.8	13,757	13,580
June	10,034	7,560	17,593	18,292	383.5	53.6	3,326.2	137.5	722.6	13,626	13,534
1978-79											
July	10,071	7,567	17,637	18,444	380.8	49.5	3,334.8	151.6	706.6	13,685	13,567
Aug.	10,683	7,572	18,255	18,856	384.3	170.1	3,404.6	216.1	705.1	13,962	13,953
Sept.	10,964	7,636	18,600	19,108	370.4	202.6	3,616.0	302.5	655.5	14,116	14,133
Oct.	11,155	7,796	18,952	19,176	386.7	166.6	3,848.8	236.5	647.2	14,516	14,278
Nov.	11,218	8,015	19,232	19,189	390.9	365.6	3,832.4	142.0	660.6	14,488	14,426
Dec. (d)	11,138	8,463	19,601	19,335	479.3	417.5	3,810.0	139.8	669.8	14,683	14,680
Jan.	11,312	8,734	20,046	19,312	428.7	755.3	4,082.4	105.1	801.1	14,537	14,624
Feb.	11,596	8,864	20,461	19,645	402.7	1,112.4	4,060.3	224.0	897.1	14,479	14,889
Mar.	11,873	8,979	20,852	20,023	404.9	1,223.9	3,977.8	226.7	1,119.6	14,651	14,963
Apr.	11,541	9,108	20,648	20,084	422.8	770.7	3,937.9	178.3	1,141.5	15,133	15,041

(a) Commonwealth Trading Bank, Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Ltd, The Bank of Adelaide, Bank of New South Wales, The Commercial Bank of Australia Ltd, The Commercial Banking Company of Sydney Ltd, and The National Bank of Australasia Ltd. (b) Includes External Territories. (c) Excludes loans to authorised dealers in the short-term money market. (d) Excludes one Wednesday.

MAJOR TRADING BANKS (a) : RATIOS OF SELECTED ASSETS AND LIABILITIES TO TOTAL DEPOSITS WITHIN AUSTRALIA (b)
(per cent)

Average of weekly figures	Liquid assets and Commonwealth Government securities				Statutory reserve deposit account with Reserve Bank	Loans, advances and bills discounted (c)	Deposits not bearing interest
	Cash and cash at Reserve Bank	Treasury bills and Treasury notes	Other Commonwealth and State Government securities	Total			
June 1975	2.1	8.1	16.1	26.3	3.0	72.7	37.8
June 1976	2.1	1.1	20.7	23.9	5.4	71.6	38.5
June 1977	2.1	0.2	19.2	21.5	9.8	70.8	36.3
1977-78							
Mar.	2.1	2.6	20.0	24.6	6.3	70.2	37.1
Apr.	2.6	2.7	19.1	24.3	5.5	72.3	37.2
May	2.1	0.8	18.9	21.9	4.2	76.9	37.3
June	2.2	0.3	18.9	21.4	4.1	77.5	38.0
1978-79							
July	2.2	0.3	18.9	21.4	4.0	77.6	38.0
Aug.	2.1	0.9	18.7	21.7	3.9	76.5	37.0
Sept.	2.0	1.1	19.4	22.5	3.5	75.9	36.7
Oct.	2.0	0.9	20.3	23.2	3.4	76.6	36.8
Nov.	2.0	1.9	19.9	23.9	3.4	75.3	37.4
Dec. (d)	2.5	2.1	19.4	24.0	3.4	74.9	38.8
Jan.	2.1	3.8	20.4	26.3	4.0	72.5	39.3
Feb.	2.0	5.4	19.9	27.2	4.4	70.8	38.9
Mar.	2.0	5.9	19.1	26.9	5.4	70.3	38.7
Apr.	2.1	3.8	19.1	24.9	5.5	73.3	39.7

(a) See footnote (a) page 39. (b) Includes External Territories. (c) Excludes loans to authorised dealers in the short-term money market. (d) Excludes one Wednesday.

MAJOR TRADING BANKS (a) : NEW AND INCREASED LENDING COMMITMENTS AND OVERDRAFT LIMITS

(Source: Reserve Bank of Australia)
(\$ million)

Weekly average for period ending second Wednesday of	New and increased lending commitments (b)				Overdraft limits (c)		
	Term loan approvals	Farm development loan approvals	Overdraft approvals	Total approvals	Cancellations and reductions (d)	Net movement in limits	Overdraft limits outstanding (end of period)
Year to July							
1976	6.1	2.0	95.9	104.1	66.6	29.3	13,523.3
1977	7.3	2.8	95.7	105.8	70.5	25.1	(e) 14,703.3
1978	8.5	3.3	114.8	126.6	80.8	33.9	16,793.2
1977-78							
Mar.	8.0	4.2	113.1	125.4	88.3	24.9	15,906.2
Apr.	6.9	3.8	116.5	127.1	58.3	58.2	16,197.0
May	7.9	3.3	132.0	143.2	85.0	47.0	16,385.1
June	10.2	3.4	136.3	149.8	94.4	41.9	16,594.7
1978-79							
July	8.1	4.1	144.0	156.1	94.4	49.6	16,793.2
Aug.	7.7	4.8	131.6	144.0	95.7	35.9	16,936.7
Sept.	10.9	4.4	120.0	135.3	90.9	29.1	17,082.2
Oct.	8.2	4.6	114.5	127.1	81.1	33.2	17,214.9
Nov.	8.3	4.4	120.0	132.7	95.4	24.6	17,313.5
Dec.	12.2	5.4	118.8	136.5	89.0	29.9	17,462.8
Jan.	14.1	4.4	107.7	126.2	97.0	10.7	17,505.6
Feb.	17.7	5.1	122.0	144.7	98.4	23.6	17,623.4
Mar.	21.2	5.6	138.4	165.2	111.7	26.7	17,730.3
Apr.	19.4	8.0	147.8	175.2	103.7	44.1	17,906.6

(a) See footnote (a) on page 39. (b) Excludes commitments in respect of commercial bills, bank card, temporary advances to woolbuyers. Includes bridging finance, personal instalment lending and lease financing. (c) Excludes commitments in respect of term loans and farm development loans. (d) Derived by subtracting weekly average of change in overdraft limits outstanding from overdraft approvals. Figure are approximations only due to unavoidable differences in the basis of compilation of the two series. (e) Break in series due to a change in accounting procedures.

ALL TRADING BANKS (a) : SELECTED LIABILITIES AND ASSETS WITHIN AUSTRALIA (b)
(£ million)

Average of weekly figures	Deposits				Coin, bullion, notes and cash with Reserve Bank	Commonwealth and State Government securities		Loans to authorised dealers in the short- term money market	Statutory reserve deposit account with Reserve Bank	Loans (other than loans to authorised dealers in the short- term money market), advances and bills discounted
	Fixed	Current		Total		Treasury bills and Treasury notes	Other			
		Bearing interest	Not bearing interest							
June 1975	8,635.0	842.6	5,458.1	14,935.7	299.0	1,167.8	2,358.9	167.4	421.4	11,205.0
June 1976	9,778.0	927.4	6,249.4	16,954.8	345.6	191.0	3,410.9	182.3	840.5	12,575.6
June 1977	11,464.7	990.2	6,634.2	19,089.1	380.0	78.8	3,567.9	144.4	1,704.2	14,006.0
1977-78 -										
Feb.	12,204.7	970.5	7,333.1	20,508.3	410.3	452.7	4,008.8	219.6	1,187.2	14,990.6
Mar.	12,625.6	979.9	7,373.6	20,979.0	414.7	543.9	4,017.6	212.1	1,204.8	15,328.0
Apr.	12,415.4	1,023.8	7,346.2	20,785.4	506.6	570.9	3,828.4	237.9	1,040.5	15,597.1
May	11,976.7	977.3	7,081.0	20,035.0	407.1	210.0	3,653.1	260.4	757.0	15,894.8
June	11,596.0	1,045.0	7,105.3	19,746.2	409.4	97.9	3,609.1	190.9	734.0	15,777.2
1978-79										
July	11,667.3	1,055.2	7,101.9	19,824.4	405.9	92.5	3,623.2	215.2	718.4	15,874.6
Aug.	12,315.2	1,004.2	7,147.3	20,466.6	409.4	215.9	3,694.6	259.5	717.1	16,184.4
Sept.	12,652.5	983.3	7,219.6	20,855.5	396.2	245.7	3,921.1	358.9	667.0	16,356.9
Oct.	12,919.1	987.2	7,384.8	21,291.0	413.3	213.0	4,169.9	280.1	658.7	16,826.1
Nov.	13,018.5	996.8	7,613.9	21,629.2	416.9	430.1	4,159.3	192.6	672.9	16,823.7
Dec. (c)	12,895.3	1,041.5	8,054.2	21,991.1	506.9	479.7	4,134.9	188.5	682.2	16,988.2
Jan.	13,078.8	1,077.0	8,365.6	22,521.5	460.7	843.1	4,410.6	145.7	815.1	16,919.4
Feb.	13,359.8	1,137.9	8,453.8	22,951.5	431.1	1,229.3	4,382.3	267.8	912.6	16,864.6
Mar.	13,667.8	1,137.8	8,571.9	23,377.5	432.9	1,338.8	4,300.1	271.0	1,137.0	17,066.5

(a) Covers the major trading banks, and in addition Bank of New Zealand, Bank of Queensland Limited, Banque Nationale de Paris, the General Bank Department of the Rural Bank of New South Wales, State Bank of South Australia and the Rural Department of the Rural and Industries Bank of Western Australia. (b) Includes External Territories. (c) Excludes one Wednesday.

ALL TRADING BANKS : DEBITS TO CUSTOMERS' ACCOUNTS (a)
(Excluding debits to Australian Government Accounts at city branches in State capitals)
(£ million)

Average of weekly figures	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Total
June 1975	4,052.6	3,334.9	870.1	494.1	579.3	131.2	23.9	95.4	9,581.5
June 1976	5,079.1	4,442.3	1,209.5	676.9	756.5	173.8	32.8	152.4	12,523.2
June 1977	5,443.8	5,209.3	1,421.8	789.7	875.5	184.0	36.3	150.7	14,111.2
1977-78									
Feb.	6,458.9	5,485.1	1,640.7	790.6	1,062.1	180.8	28.3	146.1	15,792.5
Mar.	5,626.4	4,774.6	1,258.0	747.6	963.2	179.3	29.6	146.6	13,725.3
Apr.	6,854.9	6,052.2	1,385.5	808.8	1,027.9	216.1	33.6	200.1	16,579.3
May	6,503.3	5,785.7	1,380.2	863.8	1,023.9	208.3	31.4	160.6	15,957.3
June	7,316.5	5,552.6	1,528.1	846.8	1,079.7	190.9	35.7	246.0	16,796.3
1978-79									
July	7,767.8	6,269.3	1,587.6	871.9	1,357.7	218.6	37.2	276.7	18,386.9
Aug.	6,806.9	6,048.0	1,307.5	781.8	1,072.2	194.0	34.7	340.2	16,585.2
Sept.	7,324.5	5,802.6	1,508.7	830.3	1,056.5	210.2	39.2	159.3	16,931.5
Oct.	6,814.6	5,425.5	1,416.8	785.0	1,070.0	208.6	34.8	150.5	15,905.8
Nov.	7,099.8	5,742.1	1,489.0	825.4	1,114.0	217.8	186.4	159.7	16,834.0
Dec.	7,692.3	6,466.1	1,532.8	994.2	1,140.7	245.0	36.9	185.6	18,293.7
Jan.	6,943.9	5,511.5	1,422.7	823.1	1,138.3	198.5	36.4	182.9	16,257.3
Feb.	7,609.7	5,977.8	1,597.1	952.8	1,212.6	216.4	39.0	180.4	17,785.9
Mar.	7,267.4	5,737.9	1,522.3	894.6	1,148.1	218.1	40.7	243.2	17,072.3

(a) Includes the banks listed in footnote (a) above, the Rural Credits Department of the Reserve Bank and the Commonwealth Development Bank.

SAVINGS BANKS : SELECTED ASSETS WITHIN AUSTRALIA (a)
(*\$ million*)

<i>At end of -</i>	<i>Coin, bullion and notes</i>	<i>Deposits with Reserve Bank</i>	<i>Deposits with trading banks</i>	<i>Commonwealth and State Government securities (b)</i>	<i>Local and semi-government securities</i>	<i>Loans to authorised dealers in the short-term money market</i>	<i>Loans, advances and bills discounted</i>	
							<i>Housing</i>	<i>Other</i>
June 1975	32.6	907.6	391.0	2,962.1	(c)3,285.2	80.2	4,717.4	(c)573.6
June 1976	40.4	1,053.8	266.2	2,824.7	3,893.6	70.1	6,049.7	695.3
June 1977	40.4	1,055.6	169.3	2,720.7	4,461.4	70.8	7,258.7	775.1
1977-78								
Feb.	54.1	1,034.2	239.5	3,086.4	4,791.5	102.9	7,940.3	839.7
Mar.	46.0	1,158.6	183.3	2,967.3	4,840.2	49.8	8,098.9	863.9
Apr.	42.6	1,167.8	211.2	2,825.1	4,854.6	100.9	8,268.2	816.9
May	51.0	1,109.2	195.9	2,752.3	4,854.9	73.1	8,306.6	868.1
June	45.0	1,122.6	199.9	2,672.6	4,880.2	139.1	8,393.8	813.9
1978-79								
July	49.7	1,158.0	197.6	2,706.2	4,911.6	55.2	8,458.9	867.2
Aug.	36.3	1,138.3	223.1	2,704.2	4,964.6	109.2	8,533.9	942.7
Sept.	39.7	1,120.3	247.2	2,731.5	5,012.8	79.7	8,685.7	1,003.5
Oct.	50.3	1,131.8	190.1	2,828.9	5,079.6	76.1	8,782.8	991.4
Nov.	58.9	1,184.0	186.9	2,813.5	5,135.7	66.5	8,878.5	958.1
Dec.	60.9	1,067.2	201.7	2,810.0	5,180.3	95.8	8,991.6	967.0
Jan.	55.2	1,183.6	232.8	2,812.3	5,215.6	47.2	9,067.6	933.0
Feb.	55.6	1,238.0	236.2	2,916.7	5,249.1	70.6	9,202.6	954.7
Mar.	44.5	1,225.9	226.8	3,007.9	5,283.1	39.9	9,294.4	946.1

(a) Includes External Territories. (b) Includes Treasury bills and Treasury notes. (c) Data from June 1975 have been revised to reflect a change in accounting procedures by one bank.

SAVINGS BANKS : DEPOSITORS' BALANCES
(*\$ million*)

<i>At end of</i>	<i>N.S.W.</i>	<i>Vic.</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>S.A.</i>	<i>W.A.</i>	<i>Tas.</i>	<i>N.T.</i>	<i>A.C.T.</i>	<i>Australia</i>	
									<i>Original (a)</i>	<i>Seasonally adjusted</i>
June 1975	3,835.9	(b)4,668.5	1,618.2	1,394.6	779.4	382.3	71.4	118.2	(b)12,868.5	(b)12,900.2
June 1976	4,348.9	5,377.6	1,940.3	1,617.3	897.7	430.6	76.3	133.8	14,822.5	14,841.8
June 1977	4,803.2	5,977.5	2,148.7	1,780.8	960.5	477.1	74.7	142.7	16,365.3	16,410.9
1977-78										
Feb.	5,079.2	6,419.4	2,364.2	1,899.6	1,034.5	520.5	72.9	152.8	17,543.1	17,451.0
Mar.	5,060.4	6,379.8	2,343.7	1,892.4	1,028.5	521.2	72.2	154.5	17,452.7	17,550.5
Apr.	5,060.8	6,365.6	2,337.9	1,880.8	1,019.8	517.9	73.4	152.4	17,408.7	17,700.8
May	5,158.0	6,423.4	2,385.1	1,897.6	1,031.5	523.7	74.2	156.2	17,649.7	17,931.0
June	5,284.6	6,552.5	2,446.5	1,945.3	1,048.5	530.5	76.4	162.0	18,046.3	18,081.0
1978-79										
July	5,310.3	6,664.3	2,463.9	1,952.4	1,051.2	539.6	78.7	161.4	18,221.8	18,262.0
Aug.	5,354.3	6,722.0	2,494.4	1,961.0	1,057.8	550.2	80.1	161.6	18,381.4	18,360.5
Sept.	5,394.0	6,780.4	2,519.1	1,971.7	1,075.0	550.0	80.9	165.9	18,537.0	18,395.2
Oct.	5,432.2	6,819.0	2,524.5	1,980.6	1,079.5	555.1	81.1	163.5	18,635.5	18,417.3
Nov.	5,435.8	6,835.6	2,533.9	1,988.0	1,083.2	554.9	81.9	163.9	18,677.2	18,543.1
Dec.	5,477.0	6,916.0	2,562.2	2,021.1	1,085.6	556.8	80.4	170.4	18,869.5	18,746.5
Jan.	5,507.1	7,023.9	2,568.3	2,043.7	1,100.5	562.2	79.8	170.5	19,056.0	18,996.2
Feb.	5,570.6	7,074.8	2,598.7	2,085.8	1,117.9	577.3	78.9	174.4	19,278.4	19,161.3
Mar.	5,610.4	7,091.5	2,596.8	2,090.1	1,116.4	580.2	78.6	176.1	19,340.1	19,463.1

(a) Interest added 1974-75, \$513.9m; 1975-76, \$613.4m; 1976-77, \$715.4m; 1977-78, \$789.4m. (b) Data from June 1975 have been revised to reflect a change in accounting procedure by one bank.

FINANCE COMPANIES : AMOUNT FINANCED CLASSIFIED BY TYPE OF FINANCE AGREEMENT
(\$ million)

Period	Instalment credit for retail sales	Personal loans (a)	Wholesale finance	Factoring	Other consumer and commercial loans						Total amount financed
					Finance for housing			Other commercial loans			
					Purchase of existing housing	Construc- tion of housing (b)	Purchase of individual residential blocks of land	Construc- tion other than housing	Other purposes (c)		
AUSTRALIA											
1975-76	1,382.6	520.8	2,873.6	237.4	418.1	439.4	132.4	421.8	1,223.3	7,649.5	
1976-77	1,530.3	647.4	3,883.1	247.1	516.1	514.3	165.1	571.0	1,442.2	9,516.8	
1977-78	1,516.9	689.9	4,089.1	290.1	493.3	416.7	159.8	751.4	1,785.2	10,192.4	
1977-78											
Aug.	132.8	57.2	347.0	26.1	44.6	40.0	14.5	55.4	141.0	858.7	
Sept.	131.4	54.0	332.2	26.0	42.3	33.8	13.9	56.8	146.7	837.1	
Oct.	124.6	52.6	296.8	23.5	37.7	36.3	13.3	49.9	135.6	770.3	
Nov.	132.3	63.1	366.6	25.9	41.4	35.1	14.4	64.7	120.3	863.9	
Dec.	127.6	57.2	335.3	24.8	47.3	38.0	15.2	78.1	194.3	917.6	
Jan.	114.6	46.7	241.1	14.8	31.6	25.5	10.1	63.4	141.2	688.8	
Feb.	115.2	52.5	313.6	23.0	40.0	27.2	12.9	47.4	138.8	770.5	
Mar.	123.3	57.0	357.3	27.3	40.4	31.2	12.7	55.6	137.6	842.5	
Apr.	122.0	57.4	361.2	24.7	35.3	32.8	9.9	63.6	115.5	822.5	
May	138.6	70.0	417.6	26.1	44.6	38.2	16.3	74.9	164.5	990.9	
June	128.8	69.1	397.8	28.2	46.3	38.3	13.7	81.5	189.9	993.6	
1978-79											
July	125.3	59.2	397.5	24.6	43.2	34.0	11.0	80.1	178.5	953.3	
Aug.	135.8	64.7	388.3	27.9	41.2	39.9	13.0	83.6	175.4	969.8	
Sept.	127.9	57.9	380.8	27.2	41.9	38.1	12.2	57.5	170.6	914.1	
STATES AUGUST 1978											
N.S.W.	47.8	23.3	146.9	(d)	10.8	11.6	2.9	28.2	69.5	340.9	
Vic.	30.0	19.8	117.6	(d)	8.1	8.6	1.7	30.5	56.2	272.5	
Qld	21.6	10.4	54.4	(d)	8.1	9.1	3.9	8.0	15.7	131.3	
S.A.	11.9	(c)5.2	(c)41.4	(d)	4.6	3.6	1.3	3.2	3.5	71.8	
W.A.	15.2	3.0	39.8	—	8.3	4.3	2.4	10.0	19.7	102.7	
Tas.	5.2	1.5	10.2	—	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.5	1.7	19.1	
N.T.	1.1	(c)	(c)	—	—	—	—	—	—	5.3	
A.C.T.	3.1	1.5	5.9	—	0.6	2.4	0.4	3.2	9.1	26.2	
STATES SEPTEMBER 1978											
N.S.W.	45.3	21.9	147.5	(d)	12.0	11.6	2.2	13.0	66.8	320.3	
Vic.	27.6	17.1	114.3	(d)	7.3	7.6	1.6	21.1	57.4	254.1	
Qld	21.4	9.6	54.6	(d)	8.4	7.7	5.0	10.2	13.3	130.2	
S.A.	11.0	(c)4.4	(c)39.7	(d)	4.0	3.9	1.2	2.4	4.2	68.6	
W.A.	13.0	2.6	37.1	—	9.2	4.3	1.7	9.5	10.4	87.6	
Tas.	5.2	1.3	10.6	—	0.5	0.6	0.2	0.2	3.0	20.1	
N.T.	1.1	(c)	(c)	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.8	
A.C.T.	3.3	1.0	4.3	—	0.5	2.5	0.3	1.1	15.5	28.5	

(a) Includes loans to persons for alterations or additions estimated to cost less than \$10,000 to existing dwelling units. (b) Includes loans to persons for alterations or additions estimated to cost \$10,000 or more to existing dwelling units. (c) Includes loans for the purpose of developing tracts of land into residential blocks. (d) Not available separately: included in "wholesale finance". (e) Northern Territory included in South Australia.

**FINANCE COMPANIES : BALANCES OUTSTANDING CLASSIFIED BY TYPE OF FINANCE AGREEMENT
(\$ million)**

At end of —	Instalment credit for retail sales	Personal loans	Wholesale finance	Factoring	Other consumer and commercial loans				Total all contracts
					Finance for housing		Other commercial loans		
					Contracts including charges	Contracts excluding charges	Contracts including charges	Contracts excluding charges	
AUSTRALIA									
1975-76	2,233.0	801.0	589.3	51.3	1,368.9	1,021.2	946.1	2,238.3	9,249.1
1976-77	2,601.1	1,048.2	925.9	60.9	1,639.4	1,061.3	1,168.9	2,599.0	11,104.8
1977-78	2,804.0	1,215.6	1,078.4	78.9	1,752.9	965.9	1,277.1	2,647.6	11,820.5
1977-78 —									
Aug.	2,646.2	1,081.8	954.0	66.5	1,660.2	1,041.4	1,200.5	2,517.9	11,168.5
Sept.	2,667.7	1,094.0	980.1	69.6	1,670.3	1,043.0	1,210.1	2,524.4	11,259.1
Oct.	2,689.3	1,105.6	979.3	71.5	1,671.4	1,035.6	1,220.9	2,515.6	11,289.3
Nov.	2,715.0	1,125.8	1,008.5	72.7	1,681.9	1,023.4	1,234.4	2,599.4	11,461.1
Dec.	2,743.2	1,137.7	1,023.5	73.4	1,699.4	1,017.0	1,240.8	2,621.6	11,556.6
Jan.	2,758.8	1,141.2	977.4	64.6	1,697.5	1,017.8	1,239.3	2,613.8	11,510.4
Feb.	2,754.1	1,152.1	984.6	66.1	1,700.5	1,008.3	1,237.6	2,596.8	11,500.0
Mar.	2,761.1	1,166.5	1,011.0	75.3	1,709.4	993.3	1,236.9	2,593.1	11,546.6
Apr.	2,772.4	1,179.2	1,030.5	76.7	1,720.5	982.9	1,239.2	2,598.8	11,600.3
May	2,790.1	1,192.6	1,048.9	74.7	1,730.4	969.7	1,257.2	2,638.9	11,702.6
June	2,804.0	1,215.6	1,078.4	78.9	1,752.9	965.9	1,277.1	2,647.6	11,820.5
1978-79 —									
July	2,809.2	1,227.9	1,073.6	73.3	1,761.1	945.5	1,304.5	2,695.8	11,891.0
Aug.	2,826.2	1,239.9	1,077.6	77.1	1,771.7	938.4	1,298.5	2,742.8	11,972.1
Sept.	2,840.4	1,251.2	1,087.1	80.3	1,782.6	925.4	1,308.0	2,754.0	12,028.9
STATES AUGUST 1978									
N.S.W.	996.5	490.0	388.2	(a)	439.1	299.8	383.8	1,118.5	4,115.9
Vic.	605.9	379.4	337.5	(a)	342.8	301.7	297.5	963.4	3,228.3
Qld	475.3	169.8	145.5	(a)	516.6	123.2	267.1	278.4	1,975.8
S.A. (b)	266.4	96.0	98.4	(a)	247.9	76.6	110.9	83.1	979.2
W.A.	308.5	53.7	150.6	—	166.4	96.7	173.5	132.0	1,081.4
Tas.	104.4	21.2	23.6	—	4.8	13.6	31.4	7.0	205.9
N.T.	(b)	(b)	(b)	—	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)
A.C.T.	69.2	29.8	10.8	—	54.1	26.8	34.5	160.4	385.6
STATES SEPTEMBER 1978									
N.S.W.	1,003.9	494.5	392.1	(a)	441.1	292.2	390.4	1,105.5	4,119.6
Vic.	605.3	382.5	343.8	(a)	344.2	300.0	297.1	979.8	3,252.7
Qld	478.7	171.7	147.2	(a)	522.6	120.7	268.1	280.5	1,989.6
S.A. (b)	268.4	96.3	98.0	(a)	246.9	73.5	110.7	82.1	975.9
W.A.	310.9	54.7	152.6	—	169.6	97.7	175.3	124.5	1,085.3
Tas.	104.0	21.7	23.1	—	4.9	13.4	32.6	6.9	206.6
N.T.	(b)	(b)	(b)	—	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)
A.C.T.	69.3	29.8	10.7	—	53.2	28.0	33.7	174.5	399.2

(a) Not available separately; included in 'wholesale finance'. (b) Northern Territory included in South Australia.

FINANCE COMPANIES : OTHER TRANSACTIONS
(\$ million)

Period	Leasing of business plant and equipment		Bills of exchange			Liquidity placements	Loans to non-finance companies in group
	Value of goods newly leased during period	Value of all leasing agreements at end of period	Amounts paid for bills acquired during period	Amounts received for bills disposed of during period	Balances outstanding at end of period	Balances outstanding at end of period	Balances outstanding at end of period
AUSTRALIA							
1975-76	1,016.4	1,923.8	4,179.6	4,057.4	658.6	334.2	259.5
1976-77	1,410.0	2,737.1	5,421.3	5,309.5	718.2	272.5	302.9
1977-78	1,789.2	3,785.5	6,443.1	6,277.5	842.6	299.6	317.4
1977-78 -							
Aug.	135.0	2,913.9	674.7	682.8	741.1	343.4	327.9
Sept.	132.6	2,967.6	637.0	644.2	734.0	284.5	341.6
Oct.	129.1	3,036.7	593.7	575.4	752.4	344.6	290.8
Nov.	142.7	3,146.4	484.2	477.8	717.9	376.7	301.1
Dec.	147.3	3,228.4	596.1	574.8	739.3	497.0	307.5
Jan.	112.4	3,267.1	488.6	513.7	714.2	500.5	348.2
Feb.	128.8	3,333.8	469.1	456.2	727.5	499.3	332.8
Mar.	153.3	3,409.6	411.3	460.6	678.2	540.5	358.0
Apr.	147.4	3,496.1	329.4	340.5	667.2	531.4	373.2
May	185.2	3,601.6	604.5	488.8	782.8	357.8	591.7
June	241.1	3,785.5	583.7	523.8	842.6	299.6	317.4
1978-79 -							
July	185.2	3,892.2	588.3	694.3	736.7	415.6	360.3
Aug.	182.9	3,990.9	515.2	530.0	723.1	315.6	295.8
Sept.	163.4	4,070.3	457.0	451.0	729.2	421.5	299.4
STATES - AUGUST 1978							
N.S.W.	61.4	1,293.3					
Vic.	54.0	1,201.4					
Qld	29.8	657.1					
S.A. (a)	14.4	333.8					
W.A.	17.7	371.1			Not available		
Tas.	3.1	67.6					
N.T.	(a)	(a)					
A.C.T.	2.5	66.6					
STATES - SEPTEMBER 1978							
N.S.W.	58.8	1,330.1					
Vic.	42.4	1,215.6					
Qld	28.3	669.1					
S.A. (a)	14.4	341.3					
W.A.	14.4	377.0			Not available		
Tas.	2.6	69.4					
N.T.	(a)	(a)					
A.C.T.	2.6	67.9					

(a) Northern Territory included in South Australia.

PERMANENT BUILDING SOCIETIES : LOANS APPROVED DURING MONTH (\$'000)

PERMANENT BUILDING SOCIETIES - LEASING APPROVED DURING MONTH (1979)						
Period	Construction of dwellings	To individuals for			Alterations and additions	Other purposes
		Purchase of newly erected dwellings	Purchase of established dwellings	Total		
AUSTRALIA						
1977-78 -						
Feb.	17,324	22,536	93,788	133,648	2,632	3,314
Mar.	17,784	20,811	92,977	131,572	2,527	3,214
Apr.	19,275	20,237	87,085	126,597	2,258	5,613
May	21,285	24,634	101,224	147,143	2,624	6,078
June	21,717	23,517	92,075	137,309	2,903	5,973
1978-79 -						
July	23,382	24,552	97,986	145,920	3,034	6,225
Aug.	25,106	28,146	113,150	166,402	3,602	8,079
Sept.	22,492	27,904	110,312	160,708	3,604	4,317
Oct.	23,827	29,734	120,257	173,818	3,668	6,442
Nov.	27,118	30,907	133,103	191,128	3,635	6,612
Dec.	23,632	25,074	113,075	161,781	3,283	6,095
Jan.	22,940	27,355	118,520	168,815	3,576	6,952
Feb.	23,734	32,328	144,270	200,332	3,791	8,336
Mar.	24,739	32,860	154,232	211,831	3,949	9,429
STATES - MARCH 1979						
N.S.W.	6,922	12,679	63,234	82,835	1,394	1,934
Vic.	4,618	9,566	36,766	50,950	528	2,180
Qld	5,002	4,780	19,599	29,381	657	1,820
S.A.	689	988	9,313	10,990	407	255
W.A.	6,781	2,474	19,530	28,785	732	2,745
Tas.	627	365	3,335	4,327	166	484
A.C.T. and N.T.	100	2,008	2,455	4,563	65	11

PERMANENT BUILDING SOCIETIES : SUMMARY OF MONTHLY OPERATIONS (\$'000)

Period	Loans advanced during month to individuals	Cancellations during month of loans previously approved to individuals	Loans approved but not advanced at end of month to individuals	Amount owing by borrowers at end of month	Paid-up share capital at end of month	Other borrowings by Societies at end of month	
						Unsecured	Secured
AUSTRALIA							
1977-78							
Feb.	125,709	6,535	289,609	5,775,486	5,274,622	1,592,072	250,259
Mar.	130,799	6,891	286,005	5,845,324	5,270,306	1,579,230	272,859
Apr.	123,657	6,734	284,469	5,916,720	5,288,102	1,577,524	278,712
May	147,424	6,793	280,019	5,997,256	5,396,199	1,583,835	296,995
June	137,944	6,753	276,340	6,073,941	5,469,395	1,622,834	313,859
1978-79							
July	132,128	6,165	286,422	6,150,640	5,501,488	1,652,937	309,767
Aug.	149,755	6,350	300,346	6,240,237	5,767,923	1,705,176	306,343
Sept.	145,695	5,778	313,180	6,326,997	5,832,749	1,751,410	301,228
Oct.	157,601	7,696	325,369	6,426,669	5,976,730	1,804,974	296,586
Nov.	175,028	7,004	338,100	6,545,069	6,133,744	1,838,697	296,989
Dec.	175,942	6,105	322,206	6,642,187	6,256,890	1,906,959	290,948
Jan.	133,847	6,501	354,287	6,721,240	6,360,879	1,957,377	304,430
Feb.	169,909	7,885	380,616	6,813,089	6,409,184	2,008,197	320,238
Mar.	197,325	9,825	389,246	6,934,843	6,292,453	2,015,868	336,290
STATES - MARCH 1979							
N.S.W.	66,116	3,688	187,442	2,721,391	3,389,032	13,498	84,563
Vic.	43,338	2,047	84,498	1,355,967	454,015	1,230,147	17,362
Qld	34,199	1,648	32,791	909,594	971,793	100,494	18,511
S.A.	11,836	832	11,879	344,477	390,317	11,183	16,423
W.A.	32,034	1,138	56,884	1,287,974	828,442	562,325	164,159
Tas.	4,454	163	7,418	133,402	129,476	46,192	1,410
A.C.T. and N.T.	5,348	309	8,334	182,038	129,378	52,029	33,862

LIFE INSURANCE BUSINESS : NEW POLICIES ISSUED, PREMIUMS RECEIVED AND CLAIMS, ETC., PAID : AUSTRALIA

Period	New policies issued (excluding annuities) (a)						Premiums received (b)			Claims, etc. paid (c)			New loans paid over (e)
	Ordinary business		Industrial business		Superannuation business (d)		Ordinary	Industrial	Superannuation (d)	Ordinary	Industrial	Superannuation (d)	
	Number	Sum insured	Number	Sum insured	Number	Sum insured							
	'000	\$m	'000	\$m	'000	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
1975-76	467.1	8,407.7	60.2	193.2	120.4	7,487.2	791.6	56.7	617.5	491.7	50.5	329.1	204.0
1976-77	468.8	10,167.2	51.7	186.8	117.7	8,093.1	804.3	55.9	703.5	545.0	55.6	403.5	257.8
1977-78	465.8	11,318.8	46.1	210.6	105.1	9,156.5	848.0	55.1	858.6	612.8	52.4	456.9	251.4
1977-78													
Aug.	45.3	1,041.0	5.2	19.4	11.3	745.2	68.1	4.8	58.8	52.0	5.6	37.7	20.4
Sept.	41.3	958.4	4.3	16.3	10.2	1,122.7	67.7	4.8	66.8	52.0	3.9	34.9	20.5
Oct.	39.6	944.7	5.0	19.8	8.6	670.3	65.4	4.3	64.5	47.2	5.5	32.3	19.8
Nov.	40.8	983.9	3.9	15.5	9.2	1,101.8	68.1	5.4	64.7	49.8	5.5	38.7	18.7
Dec.	38.0	1,085.2	2.3	9.0	9.6	982.7	66.6	7.3	65.0	46.9	4.1	40.5	22.5
Jan.	23.0	577.0	0.8	3.3	4.6	386.5	60.8	0.8	65.6	34.7	2.5	32.8	12.8
Feb.	32.4	844.3	3.4	17.8	6.9	491.8	64.4	4.6	73.8	45.3	3.6	34.3	19.3
Mar.	35.9	871.8	3.6	21.7	7.0	638.2	65.4	4.8	62.8	47.8	3.9	38.4	33.3
Apr.	39.9	922.7	3.7	21.7	8.2	640.4	68.6	4.0	106.2	48.2	3.9	33.4	20.6
May	44.8	1,051.5	5.1	27.5	9.1	775.6	79.9	4.5	79.9	61.3	4.9	44.4	21.1
June	44.2	1,105.8	3.9	20.2	10.1	829.7	93.3	4.8	79.1	73.7	4.3	42.2	22.5
1978-79													
July	41.6	1,048.4	4.2	22.1	9.0	1,019.4	77.5	4.0	78.4	59.8	4.1	59.5	20.8
Aug.	45.0	1,127.0	2.9	16.7	9.3	664.2	73.9	4.8	66.4	58.9	4.8	46.1	31.6
Sept.	43.0	1,053.3	2.9	17.1	10.0	1,081.8	69.5	3.9	72.4	54.4	4.7	40.2	23.2

(a) Relates to periods during which policies were recorded in company registers, which may be subsequent to periods in which written. (b) Includes consideration for annuities. (c) Includes claims paid on death or maturity, payments made on surrender of policies, annuities and bonuses paid in cash. (d) Includes investment-linked superannuation business. (e) Excludes 'advances of premiums'.

LIFE INSURANCE BUSINESS : SELECTED ASSETS HELD IN AUSTRALIA (a) BY LIFE INSURANCE COMPANIES (\$ million)

At end of -	Loans (b)					Investments			
	Fixed assets	On mortgage		On policies	Other	Govt. securities	Local and semi-govt. securities	Debentures and notes	Shares
		Housing	Other incl. rural						
June 1976	2,115.3	487.1	821.8	279.5	62.7	2,108.3	861.1	936.4	1,595.1
June 1977	2,364.6	499.8	795.8	287.7	77.5	2,327.8	908.9	915.1	1,791.9
June 1978	2,709.3	502.4	782.7	297.3	105.4	2,559.8	1,061.2	939.5	2,009.0
1976-77									
June	2,364.6	499.8	795.8	287.7	77.5	2,327.8	908.9	915.1	1,791.9
1977-78									
Sept.	2,427.1	515.0	780.1	288.7	77.7	2,416.8	954.3	922.9	1,821.2
Dec.	2,573.2	505.4	792.5	292.0	85.4	2,507.8	995.5	920.2	1,901.4
Mar.	2,642.5	505.6	787.8	294.9	103.4	2,504.8	1,043.7	934.1	1,971.1
June	2,709.3	502.7	782.7	297.3	105.4	2,560.6	1,061.2	939.5	2,009.0
1978-79									
Sept.	2,768.4	501.8	768.0	295.2	111.2	2,643.3	1,079.0	961.6	2,091.0

(a) Items shown are the balances according to the companies' ledgers as at the date at which the information was supplied without adjustment for any accrued or outstanding interest or other items which had not been brought into account as at that date. (b) Excludes 'advances of premiums'.

**HOUSING FINANCE : VALUE OF LOANS APPROVED TO INDIVIDUALS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OR PURCHASE OF DWELLINGS,
BY TYPE OF LENDER : AUSTRALIA
(\$'000)**

Month	Banks		Building societies		Government			Credit unions	Insurance companies	Total
	Savings	Trading	Perm- nent	Term- inating	Finance companies	Housing authorities	Other			
HOUSES										
1977-78 -										
Jan.	165,139	50,432	105,823	16,150	19,833	19,424	2,864	1,171	7,786	388,622
Feb.	171,819	60,927	118,196	18,436	22,968	21,353	3,064	2,199	11,631	430,593
Mar.	181,592	65,142	115,710	16,379	25,595	18,021	3,499	1,541	11,908	439,387
Apr.	167,375	53,559	113,978	19,346	25,035	15,297	3,184	1,631	11,437	410,842
May	198,440	62,733	130,155	20,466	29,513	17,437	4,253	2,028	13,386	478,411
June	165,698	50,390	123,745	13,546	28,518	15,854	3,732	1,946	10,562	413,991
1978-79 -										
July	165,248	52,492	129,462	8,958	27,129	14,558	2,726	3,356	12,842	416,771
Aug.	190,860	65,410	149,402	10,330	27,860	15,560	5,081	3,976	13,451	481,930
Sept.	193,409	58,058	143,078	7,486	26,265	14,651	4,105	4,076	13,192	464,320
Oct.	200,444	57,998	155,715	17,621	27,028	17,947	3,571	3,921	11,870	496,115
Nov.	223,602	72,216	171,904	28,244	27,338	16,618	3,892	4,619	11,856	560,289
Dec.	169,827	45,972	146,541	18,997	22,046	13,325	1,994	3,774	7,962	430,438
Jan.	214,152	76,965	151,964	15,465	23,168	17,133	3,454	3,931	10,183	516,415
Feb.	204,583	71,008	179,199	14,960	24,390	19,357	3,947	4,757	10,372	532,573
OTHER DWELLINGS										
1977-78 -										
Jan.	6,896	2,936	13,547	867	2,098	590	60	59	485	27,538
Feb.	11,099	4,127	15,452	1,081	1,709	722	268	263	468	35,189
Mar.	11,205	4,562	15,862	884	3,075	567	145	206	712	37,218
Apr.	9,607	3,596	12,619	937	2,942	720	130	94	763	31,408
May	11,502	5,623	16,988	1,071	2,308	868	268	224	1,005	39,857
June	9,914	3,492	13,564	936	2,578	500	169	197	2,791	34,141
1978-79 -										
July	9,866	4,982	16,458	491	2,375	730	27	288	1,034	36,251
Aug.	12,209	5,135	17,000	1,234	3,040	1,120	74	574	1,060	41,446
Sept.	10,984	4,675	17,630	673	3,433	804	203	383	698	39,483
Oct.	11,697	5,147	18,103	1,615	3,414	218	189	345	751	41,479
Nov.	12,612	6,140	19,224	1,756	4,221	171	73	281	679	45,157
Dec.	9,354	3,270	15,240	1,217	2,863	113	—	352	2,699	35,108
Jan.	12,353	6,570	16,851	917	1,579	498	63	483	651	39,965
Feb.	12,463	5,931	21,133	793	2,127	516	255	626	827	44,671
TOTAL										
1977-78 -										
Jan.	172,035	53,368	119,370	17,017	21,931	20,014	2,924	1,230	8,271	416,160
Feb.	182,918	55,054	133,648	19,517	24,677	22,075	3,332	2,462	12,099	465,782
Mar.	192,797	69,704	131,572	17,263	28,670	18,588	3,644	1,747	12,620	476,605
Apr.	176,982	57,155	126,597	20,283	27,977	16,017	3,314	1,725	12,200	442,250
May	209,942	68,356	147,143	21,537	31,821	18,305	4,521	2,252	14,391	518,268
June	175,612	53,882	137,309	14,482	31,096	16,354	3,901	2,143	13,353	448,132
1978-79 -										
July	175,114	57,474	145,920	9,449	29,504	15,288	2,753	3,644	13,876	453,022
Aug.	203,069	70,545	166,402	11,564	30,900	16,680	5,155	4,550	14,511	523,376
Sept.	204,393	62,733	160,708	8,159	29,698	15,455	4,308	4,459	13,890	503,803
Oct.	212,141	63,145	173,818	19,236	30,442	18,165	3,760	4,266	12,621	537,594
Nov.	236,214	78,356	191,128	30,000	31,559	16,789	3,965	4,900	12,535	605,446
Dec.	179,181	49,242	161,781	20,214	24,909	13,438	1,994	4,126	10,661	465,546
Jan.	226,505	83,535	168,815	16,382	24,747	17,631	3,517	4,414	10,834	556,380
Feb.	217,046	76,939	200,332	15,753	26,517	19,873	4,202	5,383	11,199	577,244

SHORT TERM MONEY MARKET
SELECTED ASSETS AND LIABILITIES OF AUTHORISED DEALERS AND RATES OF INTEREST ON LOANS : AUSTRALIA
 (Source : Reserve Bank of Australia)

Month	Asset holdings (face value)										Interest rates on loans accepted during month				Weighted average interest rates on loans outstanding (a)
	Liabilities to clients			Commonwealth Government securities			Commercial bills	Trading Banks certificates of deposit	Interest rates on loans accepted during month						
	All Trading Banks	Other clients	Total	Treasury notes	Other	Total			At call		For fixed periods				
									Min.	Max.	Min.	Max.			
													per cent per annum		
Average of weekly figures - \$ million															
June 1975	167.4	558.7	726.1	479.2	134.1	613.3	83.7	47.9	1.50	14.10	3.00	11.50	6.72		
June 1976	182.3	636.1	818.4	53.3	696.4	749.7	129.2	61.3	2.00	14.00	4.50	9.50	8.03		
June 1977	144.4	701.9	846.3	54.6	774.9	829.5	129.8	21.6	3.00	15.30	5.00	13.80	9.33		
1977-78 -															
Feb.	219.6	1,150.5	1,370.1	78.4	1,201.4	1,279.8	114.1	6.1	1.00	18.80	3.00	11.10	8.32		
Mar.	212.1	1,097.8	1,309.9	52.0	1,160.0	1,212.0	111.5	7.8	2.00	18.30	5.00	11.01	8.15		
Apr.	237.9	1,010.4	1,248.3	94.9	1,046.8	1,141.7	115.2	6.5	1.00	17.80	2.50	10.80	7.84		
May	260.4	928.4	1,188.8	55.8	1,069.3	1,125.1	128.3	8.5	2.00	18.75	1.00	11.25	9.10		
June	190.9	1,088.5	1,279.4	57.9	1,085.6	1,143.5	153.5	15.8	0.50	18.86	3.00	11.50	9.05		
1978-79 -															
July	215.2	1,090.1	1,305.3	90.7	1,095.9	1,186.6	148.8	20.6	2.00	18.95	2.10	12.10	8.91		
Aug.	259.5	1,041.8	1,301.3	179.8	1,036.9	1,216.7	160.6	17.1	2.00	18.65	6.60	11.65	9.09		
Sept.	358.9	1,105.8	1,464.7	179.6	1,188.7	1,368.3	157.8	16.0	1.00	19.15	5.50	12.80	9.27		
Oct.	280.1	1,209.3	1,489.4	92.6	1,303.4	1,396.0	139.7	17.7	1.50	19.65	3.60	12.91	9.74		
Nov.	192.6	1,220.9	1,413.5	121.3	1,217.4	1,338.7	101.0	10.4	1.50	18.85	3.00	10.80	8.11		
Dec. (b)	188.5	1,140.3	1,328.8	151.8	1,129.1	1,280.9	107.4	18.0	3.00	16.35	4.61	11.60	8.39		
Jan.	145.7	1,244.4	1,390.1	185.5	1,108.9	1,294.4	77.6	10.7	2.00	16.10	3.50	10.11	7.85		
Feb.	267.8	1,160.9	1,428.7	366.6	952.6	1,319.2	88.9	11.1	1.00	13.85	3.00	9.51	6.88		
Mar.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	1,335.3	312.1	916.9	1,229.0	84.6	17.1	1.00	15.15	4.10	12.25	7.40		

(a) To June 1975, weighted average on clients' loans outstanding on each Wednesday of the month. From July 1975, weighted average of rates paid on all days of the four or five weeks ending on the last Wednesday of the month. (b) Excludes one Wednesday.

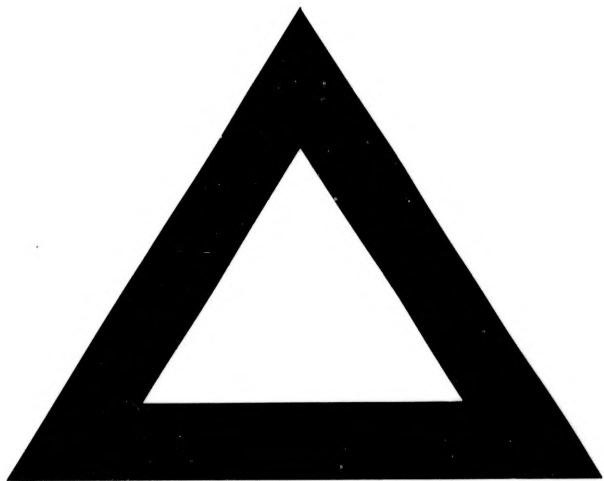
OFFICIAL RESERVE ASSETS (a) : AUSTRALIA
 (\$ million)

End of period	Gold	Special Drawing Rights	Reserve position in the I.M.F.	Foreign exchange			Total (b)	
				U.S. \$	Other	Total	Original	Seasonally adjusted
June 1975	238	89	156	2,252	758	3,010	3,493	3,399
June 1976	749	37	155	1,477	688	2,145	3,086	3,023
June 1977	947	27	174	1,311	851	2,164	3,312	3,254
1977-78 -								
Feb.	1,199	135	179	481	953	1,435	2,948	2,939
Mar.	1,229	123	180	792	939	1,731	3,262	3,265
Apr.	1,180	122	179	822	925	1,747	3,229	3,172
May	1,193	120	179	730	960	1,690	3,182	3,139
June	1,225	113	179	727	982	1,708	3,225	3,183
1978-79 -								
July	1,250	114	181	746	1,002	1,748	3,293	3,238
Aug.	1,370	112	184	626	1,023	1,649	3,315	3,353
Sept.	1,403	113	184	544	1,031	1,575	3,274	3,300
Oct.	1,463	116	189	539	1,023	1,561	3,328	3,356
Nov.	1,387	110	186	581	962	1,543	3,226	3,250
Dec.	1,407	112	183	506	992	1,498	3,200	3,219
Jan.	1,562	205	183	436	991	1,427	3,377	3,441
Feb.	1,696	203	184	662	978	1,639	3,723	3,708
Mar.	1,686	204	186	546	978	1,523	3,600	3,602

(a) Up to 30 June 1974, SDR and IMF credit tranche are valued on the basis of Australia's official parity established with the IMF; subsequent figures are based on the IMF basket valuation for the SDR, which is published in terms of U.S. dollars, crossed with the representative rate for the Australian dollar in terms of the U.S. dollar. Gold is valued at the Reserve Bank buying price up to the end of January 1976; from February 1976 to end May 1976 gold is valued at the IMF official price in SDR's converted to Australian dollars at the derived SDR/\$A rate; subsequently, the basis of valuation is the average London gold price for the month, converted to Australian dollars at the market rate of exchange applying on the last day of the month. Since June 1973, the foreign currency value of all other overseas assets has been based, where applicable, on market quotations; accrued interest is normally taken into account; figures for earlier periods are on a historical cost basis. Conversion to Australian dollar equivalent is based on market rates of exchange. (b) Changes in the value of holdings of official reserve assets reflect both balance of payments transactions and valuation effects arising from changes in exchange rates.

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(\$ million)

<i>End of period</i>	<i>Treasury bills</i>	<i>Treasury notes</i>	<i>Bank balances</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>End of period</i>	<i>Treasury bills</i>	<i>Treasury notes</i>	<i>Bank balances</i>	<i>Total</i>
June -					1978-79 -				
1975		2,076.0	765.0	1,311.0	July	2,000.0	516.5	205.7	2,310.8
1976	850.0	456.5	469.4	837.1	Aug.	1,800.0	763.8	142.7	2,421.1
1977	1,300.0	369.6	442.0	1,227.6	Sept.	2,200.0	803.0	211.7	2,791.3
					Oct.	2,700.0	816.4	127.9	3,388.5
1977-78 -					Nov.	2,200.0	1,122.0	192.90/D	3,514.9
					Dec.	1,800.0	1,247.5	892.50/D	3,940.0
Feb.	2,800.0	989.2	53.0	3,736.2	Jan.	2,600.0	1,875.7	129.8	4,345.9
Mar.	3,300.0	979.0	135.9	4,143.1	Feb.	2,000.0	2,461.8	51.3	4,410.5
Apr.	2,400.0	777.2	71.7	3,105.5	Mar.	2,400.0	2,463.0	4.8	4,858.2
May	1,600.0	460.2	94.1	1,966.1					
June	1,500.0	363.1	339.2	1,523.9					



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